

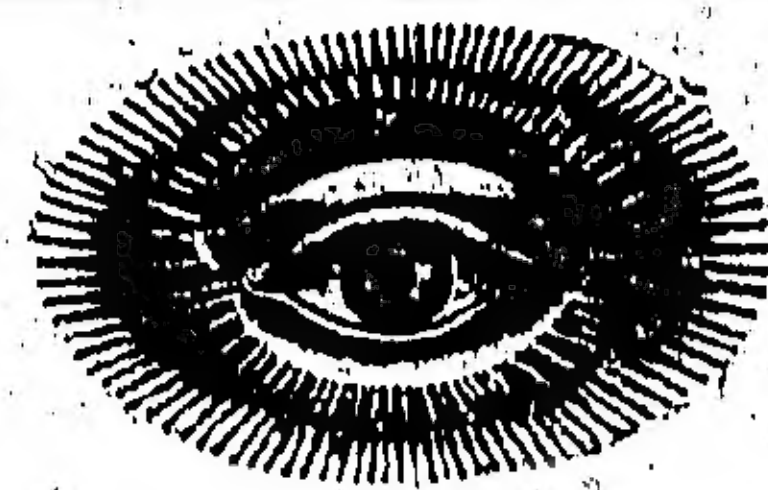
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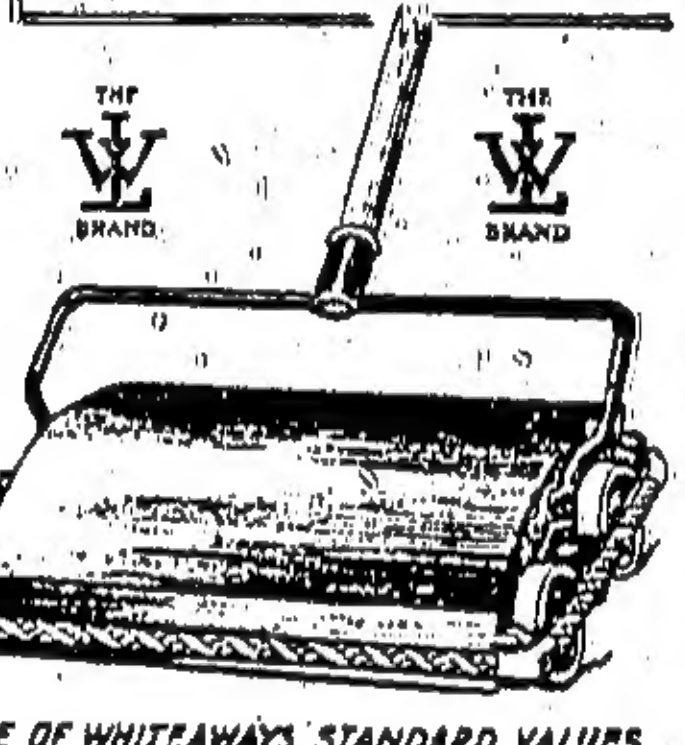
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HANKOW BOMBHELL.

Mr. Eugene Chen Breaks Off Negotiations.
STRANGE OUTBURST.
Landing of Troops At Shanghai Resented.
"PERIOD OF DURESS."

Anti-British Posters Reappear In The Concession.

Hankow, February 2.
Mr. Eugene Chen has broken off negotiations, refusing to sign an agreement when British armed forces are concentrating at Shanghai.—Reuter.

HANKOW BOMBHELL.

Anti-British Posters Now
Reappearing.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

Reuter is authoritatively in-
formed that negotiations for the
settlement of the Hankow and
Kiangsi Concessions question
between Mr. O'Malley and Mr.
Chen were concluded on Jan. 29,
and on Jan. 31, the final agree-
ment was made to the draft
agreement which was to be signed
that afternoon. The same day,
however, Mr. Chen announced
that unforeseen events had oc-
curred which would prevent a
signature of the agreement, and
yesterday he explained in a for-
mal statement that the National-
ist Government could not sign
any agreement when British armed
forces were concentrating at
Shanghai.

"These events have been fully
reported by Mr. O'Malley who is
now awaiting instructions as to
how he should act.—Reuter.

New Year Gloom.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

The breakdown of the negotia-
tions between Mr. Chen and Mr.
O'Malley has not caused any very
great surprise here, for though it
was generally believed that a
draft agreement had been drawn
up for signature during the week-
end it has been realised all along
that the Foreign Minister was
having a most difficult time en-
deavouring to win over the irre-
concilable members of the Kuom-
intang to a reasonable settle-
ment.

The dropping of this bombshell
naturally clouded the New Year
prospects.
It is significant that anti-British
posters are already reappearing
in the British Concession,
even on the walls of the former
Volunteer Headquarters, which is
used as headquarters by the Chinese
troops, entrusted with the task
of ensuring the peace of the
Concession.—Reuter.

STRANGE METHODS.

Mr. Chen Not a Free Agent?

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The signature of a draft agree-
ment regarding the future status
of the British Concession at Han-
kow has been postponed by Mr.
Eugene Chen on the grounds that
he was unable to sign while British
forces were being landed at
Shanghai without necessity. The
negotiations have been broken
off.

This does not affect the validity
of the principles of a broad and
modern policy in regard to China
which the British Government
has definitely laid down.

"The Times" says: "When to-
wards the end of the last meet-
ing Mr. Eugene Chen agreed to
the draft with Mr. O'Malley on
the basis of the latest British pro-
posals for an agreement over the
status of the Hankow Conces-
sion, he knew perfectly well that
the British Government was
sending troops to protect its na-
tionals in Shanghai. If necessary
against the kind of mob violence
that had already been exercised
in Hankow, and he formulated a
protest against the dispatch of
troops.

"But at the same time he
agreed to negotiate. Now he has
suddenly held up the negotiations
on the pretext that the British
Government is sending troops.
From this strange proceeding the
deduction may fairly be drawn
that Mr. Eugene Chen is not al-
together a free agent."—British
Wireless Service.

American Regret.

New York, Feb. 2.

The news that Mr. Eugene
Chen has refused to continue

negotiations with the British has
been received here with regret.

The "Times" says that it is not
likely to encourage the British
and other Powers to further con-
ciliation and adds:—

"It is difficult to see justice or
sense in the Chinese protest about
the movement of troops. Certainly
neither the British, Japanese
nor American Governments
wished to see force used in China
except as a last resort."—Reuter's
American Service.

Reports in London.

London, Feb. 2.

With reference to the situation
at Hankow news has been re-
ceived in well-informed quarters
in London that in the course of
the negotiations Mr. Eugene Chen
raised the question of the des-
patch of British troops to China.
Consequently the negotiations
have taken a new turn as a result
of which the early signature of a
draft agreement must be post-
poned.

It is explained that the delay
is not on general proposals, but
on the future Hankow and Kiang-
si incidents.—Reuter.

Cabinet's Special Meeting.

London, Feb. 2.

Following a special meeting of
the Cabinet this afternoon to dis-
cuss the China situation, Mr.
Baldwin, Lord Balfour and other
Ministers conferred with Sir
Austen Chamberlain at the For-
eign Office.—Reuter.

Japan Upholds Britain.

Rugby, Feb. 1.

Baron Shidehara, the Japanese
Foreign Minister, in a statement
to the Budget Committee in
Tokyo pointed out that it was im-
possible for Britain, owing to her
geographical position, to wait
upon events in Shanghai, and
that the despatch of British
troops was a proper and natural
precautionary measure for the
safety of British subjects.—British
Wireless Service.

Incorrect?

Rugby, Feb. 2.

A London Press report that the
discussions between Mr. Chen
and Mr. O'Malley have been
broken off is incorrect.

From the information at pre-
sent available it appears that in
the course of the negotiations re-
garding the future status of the
British Concession at Hankow,
Mr. Chen raised the question of
the despatch of British troops to
China.

In consequence the negotiations
have taken a new turn and the
prospect of an early signature of
the draft agreement providing
for an amicable settlement of the
Hankow and Kiangsi incidents
must be postponed.—British
Wireless.

"PERIOD OF DURESS."

Mr. Chen Issues An Official
Statement.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

Mr. Eugene Chen's statement
to Mr. O'Malley, breaking off
negotiations declares:—

"Since the negotiations regard-
ing the future status of the British
Concession at Hankow began on
Jan. 12, a singular concentra-
tion of armed British forces has
been progressing at Shanghai
with the alleged object of protec-
tion of British lives and property
in the event of the same being en-
dangered by the forcible occupa-
tion of the International Settle-
ment of Shanghai.

"But it is significant that
though the Japanese and Ameri-
cans have large and vital inter-
ests in the same place they have
not found it necessary to resort
to the massing of armed forces
there.

"In the Manifesto of Jan. 22
the Nationalist Government de-
clared that it was its intention to
have all questions relating to the

THE "SUFFOLKS."

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"Achilles."
WILL BE LANDED HERE.

The s.s. "Achilles," with the
2nd Battalion, the Suffolk Regi-
ment, will not arrive in Hong
Kong until to-morrow morning,
arrangements having been made
for the ship to go alongside
Hoi's wharf.

It is understood that the
troops will be landed and that
the following arrangements have
been made, information with re-
gard to future destination not
being at present available.

One Company will be station-
ed at Lyemun with the Royal Artil-
lery.

Another Company will be sta-
tioned in Whiffeld Barracks,
Kowloon, room having been made
for them by a detachment of
R.A.'s having moved out to
Stonecutters.

The remainder of the Battalion,
comprising 2 Companies and
Headquarters Wing, will be ac-
commodated at Victoria and
Wellington Barracks.

treaties and other cognate mat-
ters settled by negotiations and
agreement.

Menacing and Provocative.

"This impliedly covered, and it
was so intended to cover, the
question of the future status of
the International Settlement at
Shanghai, which it is not, and has
never been within the contem-
plation of the Nationalist Gov-
ernment to occupy by force.

"It was believed that this
might lead to a cessation, or at
least a slowing down of the mass-
ing of British forces in China,
and accordingly the Nationalist
Government decided to take no

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Result.

The result of the "China Mail's"
second Cross-Word Puzzle Com-
petition will be found on page 6
of this issue. Three competitors
tied for first place.

notice of what might appear to
be not only a menacing but a pro-
vocative operation by the British,
and the negotiations were
proceeded with.

"But on Jan. 29 the Minister of
Foreign Affairs had occasion for-
mally to raise the question of this
concentration of armed British
forces.

British Treaty Rights.

"In reply to proposals outlined
by Mr. O'Malley on Jan. 27 for
the revision of certain British
treaty rights, the Minister of
Foreign Affairs stated that the
proposals envisaged only a frag-
mentary revision of some of the
treaty servitudes affecting China
and that while the Nationalist
Government could not regard
such revision as satisfactory or
adequate, they were nevertheless
prepared to consider and discuss
the terms outlined as a basis for
a comprehensive and reasoned
settlement of existing differences
between Nationalist China and
the British, provided, inter alia,
that the discussions and negotia-
tions took place in an atmosphere
free from the intimidation neces-
sarily involved in the present
concentration by the British of
fighting forces.

"But the continued concentra-
tion of British forces, referred to
as the 'Chinese Expeditionary
Force,' as well as certain military
information relating to the British
plan of war operations in
China, which has now come to
the knowledge of the Nationalist
Government, will make it impos-
sible for the Nationalist Govern-
ment to continue to view the British
concentration at Shanghai
except as an act of coercion directed
against Chinese Nationalism.

"SIGNING UNDER DURESS."

"To sign any agreement in
these circumstances would be
tantamount to signing under the
duress of force. No agreement so
signed could be real or effective.

"The Nationalist Government
must perforce await the ending
of this period of duress before
authorising the signing of an
(Continued on Page 7.)

BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Text of Our Offer To North And South.
SEVEN POINTS.

"Earnest of a Fair And Conciliatory Spirit."

The British proposals, the text of which is now released for
publication, represent a "liberal and generous step" as an earnest of
our "fair and conciliatory spirit."

COURTS IN CHINA.

Special Privileges Waived.

Rugby, Feb. 2.

The following is the text of
the British proposals communi-
cated to the Chinese authorities
at Peking and Hankow on Jan.
27:—

(1) His Majesty's Government
are prepared to recognise modern
Chinese Law Courts as competent
courts for cases brought by
British plaintiffs or complainants
and to waive the right of atten-
dance of a British representative
at the hearing of such cases.

(2) His Majesty's Government
are prepared to recognise the
validity of a reasonable Chinese
Nationality Law.

(3) His Majesty's Government
are prepared to apply as far as
practicable in British Courts in
China the modern Chinese civil
and commercial codes—apart
from procedure codes and those
affecting personal status—and
duly enacted subordinate legisla-
tion as and when such laws and
regulations are promulgated and
enforced in the Chinese Courts
and on Chinese citizens through-
out China.

Taxation of British Subjects.

(4) His Majesty's Government
are prepared to make British sub-
jects in China liable to pay such
regular and legal Chinese taxa-
tion not involving discrimination
against British subjects or Bri-

tish goods as is in fact imposed
on and paid by Chinese citizens
throughout China.

(5) His Majesty's Government
are prepared, as soon as a revised
Chinese penal code is promulgated
and applied in Chinese Courts in
China.

(6) His Majesty's Government
are prepared to discuss and enter
into arrangements according to
the particular circumstances at
each port concerned for modifica-
tion of the municipal administra-
tion of British Concessions so as
to bring them into line with the
administrations of the special
Chinese administrations set up in
former Concessions, or for their
amalgamation with former Con-
cessions now under Chinese con-
trol, or for the transfer of police
control of the Concession areas to
the Chinese authorities.

(7) His Majesty's Government
are prepared to accept the prin-
ciple that British missionaries
should no longer claim the right
to purchase land in the interior,
that Chinese converts should look
to Chinese law and not to the
treaties for protection; and that
missionary, educational and medi-
cal institutions will conform to
similar Chinese institutions.

When communicating these
proposals to Mr. Chen at Hankow
on January 27, Mr. O'Malley pre-
faced them with the following:—

Liberal and Generous.

"When a satisfactory settle-
ment has been reached respecting
the British Concessions at Han-
kow and Kiangsi, and when as-
surance have been given by the
Nationalist Government that they
will not countenance any altera-
tion except by negotiation of the
status of the British Concessions
and the international settlements,
His Majesty's Government will
be prepared to concede at once
and on the lines indicated in the
enclosure hereto part of what is
desired of them by the Chinese
Nationalist Party. So liberal and
generous a step cannot in their
view be regarded otherwise than
as an earnest of the fair and con-
ciliatory spirit with which they
are animated."—British Wireless
Service.

"RAGING DRUNK."

KOREAN'S CHINA NEW YEAR
REVELS.

"He was absolutely mad, raging
drunk," said Insp. Blackman at the
Central Magistracy this morning
when charging a Korean with drun-
ken and disorderly conduct at a
house rented by a Japanese in Per-
cival Street yesterday morning.

Continuing, Insp. Blackman in-
formed Mr. Lindsell that everything
in the house was broken up and the
man had to be tied up before he
could be brought to the station.
We locked him in the cells but he
continued to smash up the bed
boards and even tried to commit
suicide, but I am not charging him
with that offence.

Asked by his Worship why he got
drunk, the defendant stated that he
was celebrating Chinese New Year.
Mr. Lindsell: If you must cele-
brate the occasion by fighting, you
must take the consequences—\$20 or
twenty days.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Last week's return of notifiable
disease in the Colony, as reported
to the Medical Officer of Health,
comprised:—

Small-pox: 1 case from the city,
1 from Kowloon and 1 from Sha-
kwan (all Chinese)—2 deaths.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 3 cases,
of which 1 was Chinese and 2 Bri-
tish (1 imported). Two were from
the city and one from Kowloon—1
death.

Cerebro-spinal fever: 1 Chinese
case from the city.

Puerperal fever: 1 Chinese case
from the city.

Rabies: 1 Indian case from Sha-
kwan.

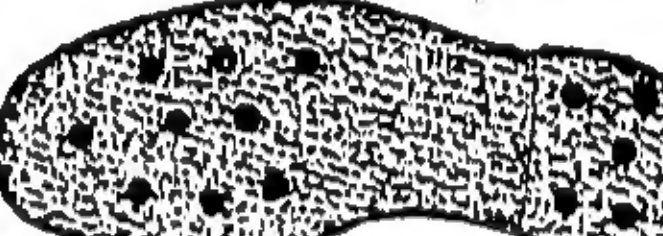
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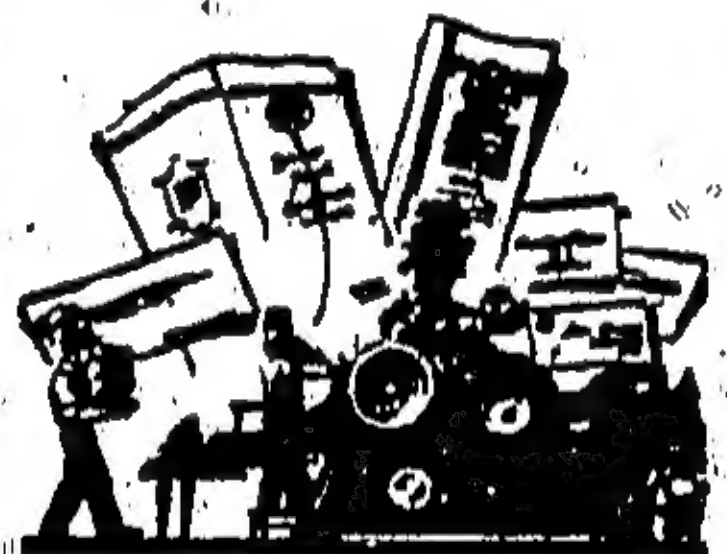
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in 'Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine'."

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall" the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings

"108 (a). All meetings of 'Directors' shall be held in 'Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine'."

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and" the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m. when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

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(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Votes of Members

"80. On a show of hands 'every member present shall have one vote and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a 'corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 68 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company'."

(3) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "company" and the word "shall" the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the company shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(4) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings

"108 (a). All meetings of 'Directors' shall be held in 'Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine'."

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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TREASURES NO ONE SEES.

The French Government is making an inventory of its possessions in the way of gold and silver plate, tapestry, pictures, and precious furniture.

This does not include objects in the museums of Paris and provincial towns and art collections scattered all over France, but those of the "household equipment" of the Government. The list includes state possessions in London, Rome, Berlin and elsewhere.

Every French Embassy abroad and many Legations and Consulates contain furniture by such masters as Riesener or Jacob, carpets from Aubusson, and tapestries from the famous Gobelin's works and from Beauvais, with china from Sevres and Limoges.

The value of these national possessions has never been estimated. It is certainly well over \$20,000,000, but it may be twice or even five times that sum.

The French describe these possessions as the "national wardrobe." They are hoarded when not in use—and not more than one-twentieth of them are touched from one end of the year to the other—in State warehouses.

Rolls Up For 50 Years.

There are magnificent Savonnerie carpets more than 70 feet long by 30 broad, which have been rolled up with their necessary accompaniment of pepper and naphthalene for more than fifty years. It is said that it would take forty men to unroll and sweep them, and it is now feared that they may be becoming ruse on the folds.

Precious gold and silver thread Beauvais tapestries are hung in series of dozens and dusted once every six months. In the attics of the State warehouses behind steep scores of years, oak and mahogany coffers containing gold and silver work, there are epergnes, dishes, and snuffers, all snugly encoined in their moth-eaten baize covers.

And close by, in another set of attics, are hundreds of gold and silver articles of church plate. These have been amassed through centuries for the use of French Kings and Queens at marriages and baptisms and are strangely out of place in the present secular French Republic.

The suggestion has been made that all these treasures, except those necessary in the case of visits of Sovereigns to Paris, should be distributed to French provincial museums.

MILLIONS FROM MOTORS.

\$18,000,000 IN TAXES FOR A YEAR.

According to statistics issued by the Minister of transport a sum of \$18,000,000 was paid in taxes on motor vehicles and tram-cars during the twelve months ended Nov. 30. This total was contributed in respect of 1,547,391 vehicles.

In addition to these taxes were paid on 127,248 horse-drawn vehicles, realising \$28,459. Total gross receipts for the year were thus \$19,052,852, but this figure is subject to readjustment as regards refunding. It is mentioned that rebates allowed in respect of pre-1918 engines amounted to \$27,000. Approximately \$192,000 was refunded in respect of the surrender of 35,068 licences.

The total number of motor vehicles, excluding tram-cars and trade licences, in regard to which licences were current on Nov. 30 is stated to be approximately 1,519,000. The most numerous class is that of cars taxed on "horse-power," totalling \$45,000, cycles coming next, with \$26,000. The analysis of receipts is as follows:—

Vehicle	No. of Licences at Nov. 30.	Received in tax.
Cars taxed on horse-power	642,850	9,054,681
Cycles	498,255	1,500,972
Invalid vehicles	819	205
Commercial goods vehicles	257,283	5,228,445
Read locomotives, &c.	1,558	48,477
Motor ploughs, &c.	16,304	4,076
Motor tractors, &c.	1,293	24,130
Motor hackneys	82,677	2,373,074
Tramcars	14,130	10,589
General trade licences	2,824	68,605
Limited trade licences	11,725	61,059
Exempt vehicle licences	17,568	—
Total motor vehicles	1,547,391	18,364,319
Horse-drawn (private)	109,055	84,824
Horse-drawn (hackneys)	18,193	13,635
Total horse-drawn	127,248	98,459
The average receipt of a whole year licence was \$14 17s.		

A New York message states that six of the eight members of the crew of the coastguard schooner "Lincoln" were killed by an explosion followed by a fire which destroyed the vessel, off the coast of North Carolina, according to a message from the British steamer "Defender," which rescued the survivors. The "Lincoln" was a supply ship carrying oil and petrol.

STRANGE LIFE.

FIFTY-FOUR YEARS WITH SNAKES.

PERFORMER'S ADVENTURES.

Residing in a little caravan which he made himself, at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, is Mr. John Bacon, or Texas Jack, who for the last 54 years has been living among snakes, wrestling with alligators, and in his spare time lion-training. Texas Jack, who is aged 53, told a reporter:

I have always had a passion for snakes. I studied reptiles and their poisons among the Indians in America, where I was a rancher for some years, and learned antidotes to their bites. I also learned how to handle them. You've got to be very quick and keep your eye on them all the time.

One of my tricks, which I have done for many years now, is swallowing a poisonous snake. I used to let the audience catch their own snakes and bring them to me. Once at Oxford one of them bit me in the tongue, and it very nearly ended my career.

In Edinburgh a python swallowed my arm up to the elbow, and I had a long fight before I could release myself by forcing its jaws open.

At one time Texas Jack was touring with Barnum's Circus, but now for of circumstances has turned him into a scenery painter and odd-job man.

HEWN OUT OF ROCK.

ARAB CITY'S ARCHITECTURAL MARVELS.

An exhibition of water-colours and drawings, of great interest to archaeologists and travellers, by Major Benton Fletcher, is being held at 35, Grosvenor-square, W., the residence of Susan Duchess of Somerset. The exhibition, which was opened by H. R. H. Princess Beatrice, is in aid of the Westminster Hospital and the Queen's Hospital for Children.

Some of the water-colours afford detailed views of the wonderfully preserved rose-coloured architecture in Petro, an ancient city of Arabia. The tombs, which date back to the sixth or seventh century B.C., and the lofty columns with Egyptian "cornices," their like not to be seen anywhere else in the world—are all hewn out of the rock. The hill has been cut away all round the city, leaving these solid and elegant temples, tombs, and theatre.

There are also sketches of the only complete Roman military fort in existence, that at Lambessa, in Northern Africa, which was the headquarters of a Roman legion. Another picture of interest is that of the Great Mosque at Kairwan, in Tunisia, the most important Arabian city after Mecca. This mosque has no fewer than 980 columns with Byzantine capitals, all of them made of different coloured marbles.

PRICE ERROR IN SALE.

10,000 FRANCS READ AS 1,000.

Paris.—A curious case affecting a jeweller and his customer will shortly come up for decision. The question to be decided is: Can a jeweller who sold a bracelet for 1,000 francs demand the return of the article on the ground that a mistake had been made in the sale price, which should have been 10,000 francs? In September last Mrs. Hofheimer, an American, was passing a jeweller's shop in the Faubourg Saint-Honore, and was attracted by a bracelet. On being asked the price the woman shop assistant looked at the letters on the ticket, which correspond to figures, and replied, "A thousand francs." Mrs. Hofheimer paid the money, put the bracelet on her wrist, and left. When the jeweller heard that the bracelet had been sold for 1,000 francs he ordered his assistant to run after the American and tell her that a mistake had been made, and that the price of the article was 10,000 francs. The purchaser could not, however, be found. The assistant had, it seems, imperfectly understood the letters on the ticket, which indicated 10,000 francs.

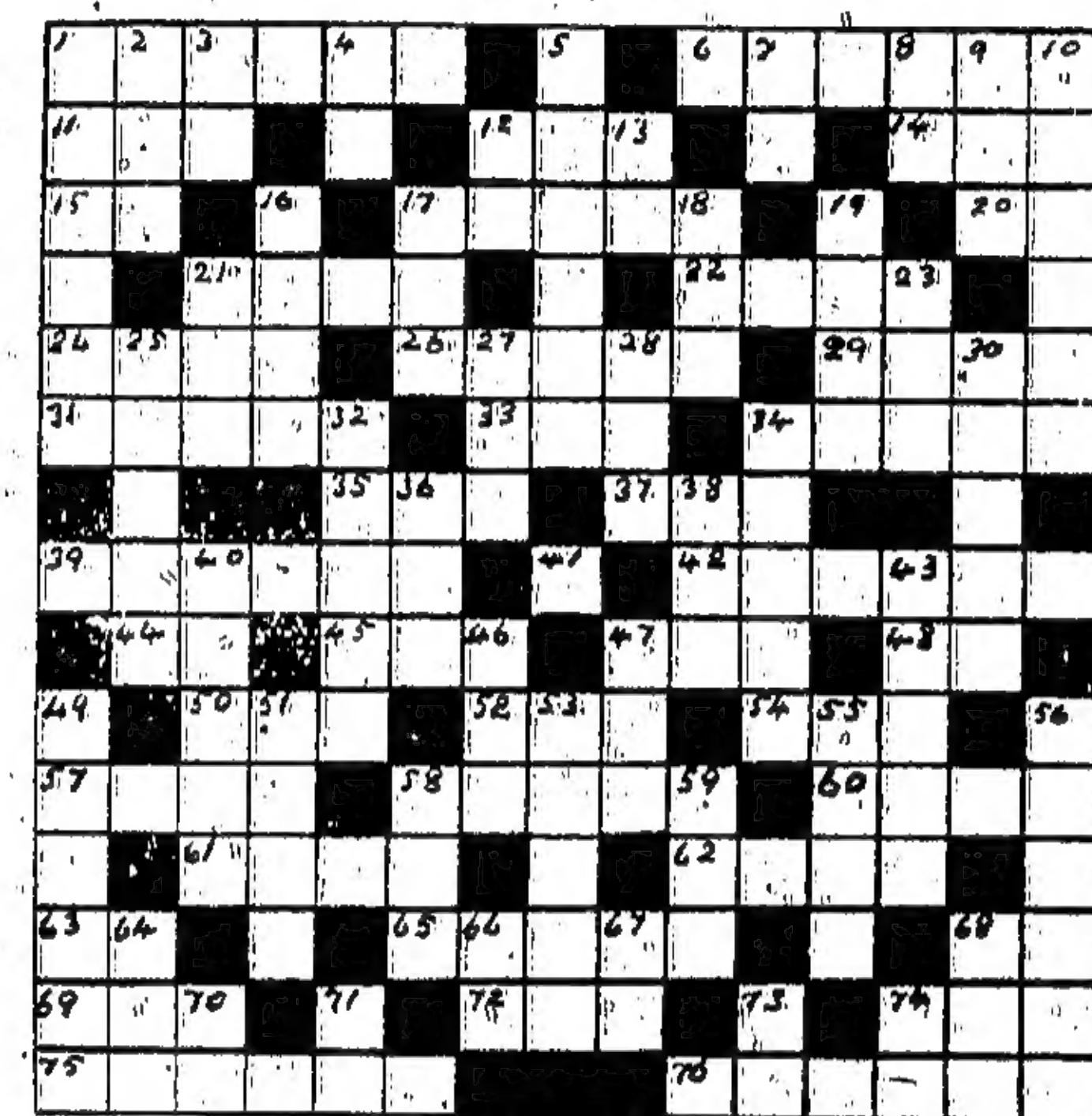
A few days later Mrs. Hofheimer returned to the shop, accompanied by her husband, with the intention of making more purchases. The jeweller pointed out that his employee had made a mistake, and offered to return the 1,000 francs if his client did not feel disposed to pay 10,000 francs for the bracelet. The Americans declined to part with the bracelet, and a police commissary tried to settle the matter, which presented difficulties in view of the fact that, though a mistake had been made, the jeweller was responsible for the error of his assistant. The Americans holding to their decision to keep the bracelet, the jeweller took legal action, and the president of the tribunal ordered its seizure. The Americans appealed against this decision, to the judge of referees, who upheld it, as did also the Fifth Chamber of the court. A decision on the legal aspect of the sale has yet to be given.

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Clues Across.

1. Any of the unorganised fermentations.
3. A bulbous plant with yellow or purple flower.
11. To bring forth young.
12. Possessive of it.
14. High tone.
15. At morning (abbrev.)
17. Minute openings in leaves of plants.
20. A tree.
21. Was carried through.
22. Anything very small.
24. A place for cooking in.
25. A puppy.
31. The outer integument of a seed.
32. A poem act for music.
34. Exchanges.
35. Turf for fuel.
37. A hare.
39. Went astray.
41. The indefinite article.
42. Take away the good name.
44. A Christian Association (abbrev.)
45. A kind of strong ale.
47. Same as 38 across.
48. To exist.
50. A public service car.
52. Unusual.
54. L.T.A. (actual).
57. To incite.
59. A genus of scumboid fishes.
60. Proceedings in a civil court.
61. To level with the ground.
62. Part of an egg.
63. Royal Scots (init.)
65. Hollows.
68. With reference to.
69. A liquor.
72. A corded cloth.
74. Not in.
75. American river (known in song).
76. Green turf of grassy surfaces.

Clues Down.

1. A zealous person.
2. Large root like a potato.
3. Midnight (abbrev.)
4. In this manner.
5. Put away.
7. A God.
8. Chartered accountant (init.)
9. Abbreviation used in letter writing (not inst.)
10. Savors.
12. Nouter Pronoun.
13. Sergeant-Major (abbrev.)
16. A contraction of two words, expressive of denial.
17. To fasten together with thread.
18. Electrical unit (abbrev.)
19. To cook slowly.
21. A thing; a point.
23. A period of years.
25. Like veal.
27. Swine.
28. Tepid.
30. Foam.
32. Herb Bonnet used to flavour ale.
34. Iron combined with carbon.
35. Fuss.
38. To count.
40. Fossil resin.

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Yuan."

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serve, has gone master, "Taming."

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"King Yuan," has gone chief officer,
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"Nanchang," is on reserve.
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"Nanchang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. J. Layton, from Home
leave, has gone chief officer, "Nan-
chang."

Mr. J. H. McLaren, second officer,
"Kwangtung," has gone second officer,
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"Ningpo," has gone chief engineer,
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gineer, "King Yuan," has gone
second engineer, "Tenn."

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gineer, "Hupei," is on reserve.
Mr. W. R. Woodman, supply second
engineer, "Sunning," is on reserve.

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has gone third engineer, "Hupei."
Mr. J. C. Campbell, third en-
gineer, "Ningpo," has gone third
engineer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. W. S. Sharp, third engineer,
"Kwangtung," has gone third en-
gineer, "Ningpo."

Mr. H. S. Beech, from reserve,
has gone supply third engineer,
"King Yuan."

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gineer, "Soochow," is on Home
leave.

Mr. A. D. Morice, third engineer,
"King Yuan," has gone third en-
gineer, "Suiyang."

Mr. J. McAuley, third engineer
"Suiyang," has gone supply third en-
gineer, "Sunning."

Mr. R. Barclay, from Home leave,
has gone supply chief engineer,
"Kalgan."

Mr. H. L. Mather, from Home
leave, has gone supply second en-
gineer, "Futshan."

Captain P. R. G. Cumings, of the
"Hopsang," has gone master,
"Hopsang."

Captain M. Costello, from Home
leave, has gone master, "Hopsang."

Captain L. H. Hutchings, of the
"Hopsang," is on reserve.
Mr. A. L. Morris, supply second
officer, "Kwangtung," has gone second
officer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. A. Fife, second officer,
"Kwangtung," has gone acting second
officer, "Loongwo."

Mr. S. A. Marchant, second of-
ficer, "Loongwo," is on reserve.
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officer, "Lianshang," has gone
second officer, "Tingsang."

Mr. J. B. Stewart, second officer,
"Kutsang," is on reserve.
Mr. A. Pittendrigh, from reserve,
has gone second officer, "Kutsang."

Mr. J. W. Stoneham, chief officer,
"Namsang," is on Home leave.
Mr. G. K. Hudson, chief officer,
"Cheongshing," has gone chief
officer, "Namsang."

Mr. C. C. Warren, chief officer,
"Yuensang," is on reserve.
Mr. L. McRae, from reserve, has
gone chief officer, "Yuensang."

Mr. J. Findlater, third engineer,
"Tausang," has gone supply third
engineer, "Tingsang."

Captain J. S. Thompson, from
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EMPERESS OF CANADA	Leave Mar. 30	Leave Apr. 2	Leave Apr. 5	Leave Apr. 8	Arrive Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Leave Apr. 20	Leave Apr. 23	Leave Apr. 26	Leave Apr. 29	Arrive May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Leave May 11	Leave May 14	Leave May 17	Leave May 20	Arrive May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Leave June 1	Leave June 4	Leave June 7	Leave June 10	Arrive June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Leave June 22	Leave June 25	Leave June 28	Leave July 1	Arrive July 10
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BORNEO MARU Friday, 4th February.
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KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Marseilles & London
MACDONALD	10,504	19th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MACDONALD	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KEYBER	9,114	10th April	M'tos, L'don, Antwerp, R'dam & Hull
DEVANMA	8,156	16th April	Marseilles & London
DELTA	9,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANUVA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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GAMBHIRA	5,257	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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SHIRALA	7,841	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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DEVANMA	8,156	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	6,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	9,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,848	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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The tenth annual report of the U.S. Shipping Board shows that the losses sustained by the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the operation of Government ships were reduced by more than 50 per cent. from the fiscal year 1924 to the fiscal year 1926. During 1926 the amount of losses was less than \$4,000,000, the report states, while in 1925, they were about \$8,000,000 and in 1924 about \$16,000,000. Reduction of these losses, it is shown by the report, is an important feature of the Shipping Board's programme of liquidating the large emergency fleet of which the Government found itself in possession at the close of the war.

Improved Cargo Operations.

Part of the reduction in losses during 1926 and preceding years was the result of savings incident to the sale of ships. This was in accordance with the purpose of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 of establishing a permanent merchant marine ultimately to be privately owned. A much greater part of the reduction, however, is directly traceable to improved operations, particularly in the cargo services maintained by the board. Better revenues obtained and expenses were kept within reasonable limits, the report says, with the result that average losses on operations were materially reduced.

The tenth annual report of the Shipping Board constitutes largely a review of its work in the establishment and maintenance of an adequate merchant marine and its liquidation and marine development programmes. Due to the fact that the merchant marine planning committee of the board is preparing a report in the maintenance of American shipping, the board's annual report does not contain any new recommendations to Congress.

The Government-owned merchant fleet was reduced during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, by a total of 350 ships, representing 1,671,390 d.w. tons, the report states. This reduction was accomplished by selling ships to private interests, both for operation and for scrapping purposes. With these sales, the total Government-owned fleet was reduced to 881 vessels of 5,576,068 tons in the aggregate. Among the 350 ships disposed of were 199 (totaling 813,820 d.w. tons), all practically without market value as commerce carriers, sold to the Ford Motor Company for scrapping purposes.

The Loan Fund.

The report shows the amount at present credited to the construction loan fund is \$12,168,099, including repayments on account of principal of outstanding loans, which repayments amount in the aggregate to \$78,099. The amount at present on hand is subject to the following commitments: however, namely: \$1,460,000 on loans which have been assured by the board, and also so much as the board may transfer from the construction loan fund to meet obligations, in excess of funds otherwise available for that use, incident to the Diesel conversion programme of the board authorized by the act of June 9, 1924, which act, however, limits the expenditures for that purpose to \$5,000,000. Based on the amount of funds at present available from other sources for this use, the amount which may be drawn from the construction loan fund in connection with the Diesel conversion programme is about \$3,000,000; hence, the amount available for current loans under possible new application is about \$7,600,000. The total amount credited to this fund during the five-year period of accumulation from June 3, 1920, to June 5, 1925, was \$15,909,860.

Sale of Vessels.

During that period, however, the sum of \$2,361,790 was transferred from the fund back to the general fund of the United States Treasury on the ground that this deposit was not justified by the provision of the Act. While ample funds were received from sales of vessels and other property during the five-year period to have justified the setting aside of the entire sum of \$25,000,000, as authorized by the Act, the report states that amount was not set aside, due in large measure to the fact that appropriation acts had required a large part of the proceeds of sales to be applied to current expense of operations, and funds were, therefore, not always available for the annual allotment to the construction loan fund.

Action on the bill of Mr. Scott, of Michigan, in the House and of Senator Jones, of Washington, in the Senate, having in view not only procuring for the fund the several amounts lost to it under technical rulings, but also having in view an increase of the fund to the amount originally designed by Congress, namely, \$25,000,000, the report explains, was not practicable before the last adjournment of Congress but they have been sympathetically considered and it is the hope of the Shipping Board that they will be passed at the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

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Taipei via Swatow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 9th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSANG	Thurs., 10th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Haliphong	MINGSANG	Thurs., 10th Feb., at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Fri., 11th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Tsien via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Sun., 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	SUISANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Tsien via Swatow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed., 16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 17th Feb., at 2 p.m.
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The Conversion Programme.

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The Board of Trade have awarded a piece of plate to Ernest Lloyd, a skipper of the steam drifter "Chesnut," of Yarmouth, in recognition of his services to the shipwrecked crew of the steam drifter "Craigmartin," of Buckie, whom he rescued in the North Sea in the early morning of the 5th November last.

At its monthly meeting the Committee of Management of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution gave rewards to its crews for 22 launches of lifeboats. Those launches led to the rescue of over 40 lives, and took place at stations all round the coast from Stromness in the Orkneys to Sennen Cove at Land's End. So far this year the institution has given rewards for the rescue of 443 lives, 66 more than during the whole of last year, and an average of nine lives a week.

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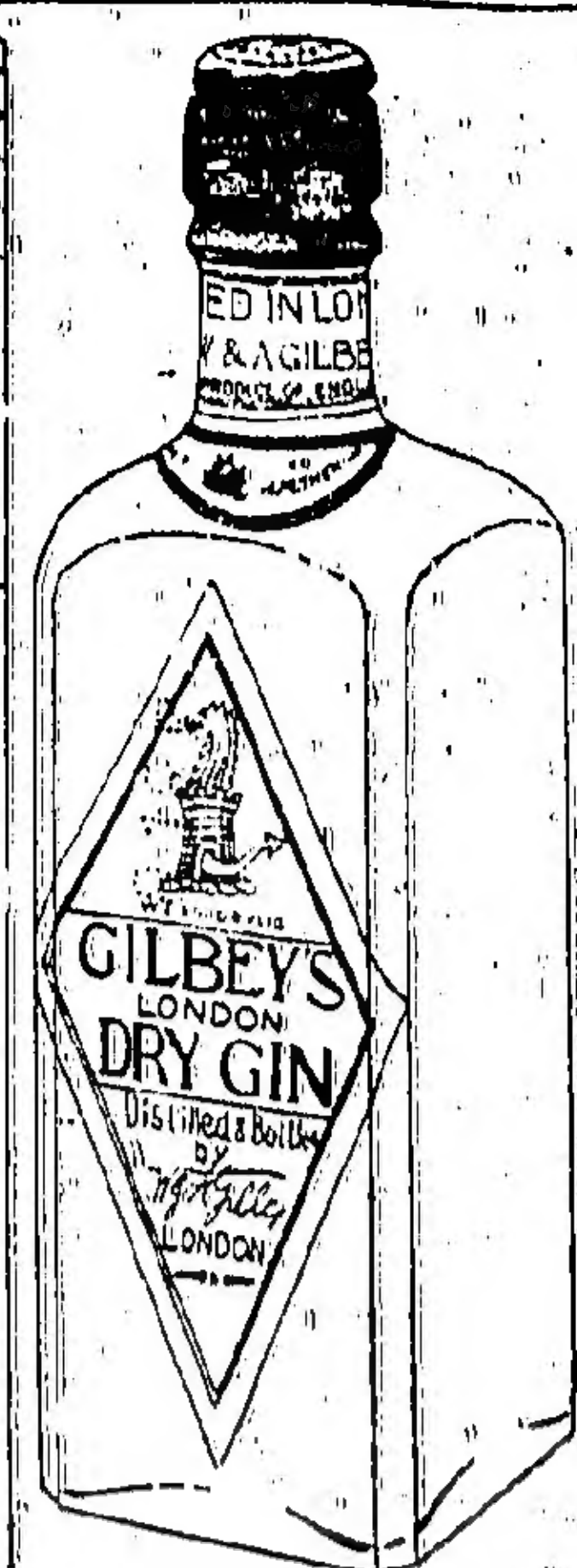
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MR. EUGENE CHEN'S METHODS.

The news that Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has broken off negotiations with Mr. O'Malley, the British representative at Hankow, will cause painful surprise, still more so the reason advanced for this sudden action. Mr. Chen states that it is impossible to continue negotiations "while British forces are being landed at Shanghai without necessity." How absurd this attitude is hardly needs pointing out, for as the "Times" says in a comment sent out by wireless from Rugby, Mr. Chen knew perfectly well that the British Government was sending forces to protect its nationals at Shanghai, when towards the end of the last meeting he agreed to a draft with Mr. O'Malley on the basis of the latest British proposals. Nor is that all. Mr. Chen is merely deceiving himself when he fails to see the necessity for the landing of troops at Shanghai. After the recent events at Hankow, that necessity is as clear as daylight. Moreover, as the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Budget Committee in Tokyo, has pointed out, it is impossible for Britain, owing to her geographical position, to wait upon events in Shanghai, the despatch of British troops, therefore, being a proper and natural precautionary measure for the safety of British subjects. Similar views are held in the United States, where the news that Mr. Chen has refused to continue negotiations with the British has been received with great regret. As the "New York

Times" emphasises, Mr. Chen's action is not likely to encourage the British and other Powers to further conciliation, it being difficult, as the same paper adds, to see justice or sense in Mr. Chen's protest about the movement of troops, when it is agreed by everyone—save Mr. Chen—that neither the British, American nor Japanese Governments wishes to see force used in China except as a last resort for the protection of their nationals. But possibly Mr. Chen at the moment has little concern for justice or sense. For as the London "Times" interprets his "strange proceeding," the deduction may fairly be drawn that he is not altogether a free agent. Be that as it may, Mr. Chen would be wise to remember that, just as offers can be made, so can they be withdrawn. He is playing a dangerous game, and with the opinion of the world against him, the sooner he breaks away from his evil advisers, the better it will be for him—and for the Nationalist cause.

JAIL AND THE BIRCH.

When a Chinese was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with returning from punishment, Sub-Insp. Vincent informed Mr. Lindsell that the man had five previous convictions for larceny and had been banished twice previously. His Worship sent the man to jail for nine months with twenty strokes of the birch.

DREW HIS KNIFE.

"If you are fighting with a man, that's no excuse for drawing a knife," said Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to a Chinese charged with that offence. His Worship passed sentence of fourteen days' hard labour.

"KUNG HAY —" HONG KONG ENJOYS CHINA NEW YEAR. LOCAL FESTIVE SPIRIT.

In spite of vague rumours that all would not be well, another China New Year has been celebrated in Hong Kong in time-honoured style. There was no doubt that tightness of money was a big factor in the annual "settlement" on Tuesday, but so far at least, it has yet to be learned that there were many big "crashes."

Late on China New Year Eve, it seemed that everybody had done his best and the spirit of festivity was entered into thoroughly. There were significant empty patches at the bazaar to show which trade had done best in the scramble for festive funds. Flowers were sold for the proverbial song but these considered to be of "joss" significance went for fancy prices.

Sentiment and Practice.
Yesterday and to-day, the first days of the year, were given over to visits of formal character and dignified observance.

One still wished—without thinking of the supposed shortage of money—all good luck for a friend during the current year and then in the same breath suggested a game of "pai kau" or "fantan" with which to counter the sentiments of "Kung Hay Fat Choy."

Trams, motor-cars, rickshaws and ferries carried load after load of gaily dressed Chinese bent on pleasure, offering felicitations to friends and relatives, and showing the true holiday spirit.

Largesse for Kiddies.

To-morrow, the third day of the year, is not considered good for visiting, the ladies associating with it a superstition of gossip and petty quarrels.

A gradual return to business will commence on Saturday and the holiday spirit will practically be over by Monday. Kiddies in European families who have received the "lucky red paper" (with a five cent piece inside) from the cook or ayah, may still expect to be favoured with this form of largesse as late as the fifteenth day of the first moon.

The restaurants at West Point are open and the theatres played to capacity houses.

"T.N.T." BY AIR.

THE LATEST WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION.

London.—The fact that an unmanned aeroplane carrying T.N.T. had been propelled a distance of thirty-five miles in America was mentioned by Captain Garro Jones, M.P., at a meeting of the 1920 Club in London in the course of an address on "Air Development."

The catapult system of launching aeroplanes from the decks of ships, said Captain Jones, had important and immediate possibilities, and it would not be many years before great fleets approaching the headlands of Europe or America would discharge from their upper deck flights of small aeroplanes, loaded with urgent mails or with special passengers. This development would come the sooner because it did not involve the more difficult problem of alighting on the deck from the air. A matter that required the attention of the British people was that aeroplanes were being developed more rapidly as weapons of destruction than as commercial machines. In the United States unmanned aeroplanes, carrying a tremendous destructive force in the form of T.N.T., had been propelled on to objectives thirty-five miles distant. If this distance were increased to 100 miles (as it shortly would be), London would become hopelessly vulnerable to that form of attack from the Continent.

Under a new decree of the Italian Council of Ministers, all prices of goods sold by tradesmen are to be fixed by committees of manual and intellectual labourers. Heavy fines will be imposed upon any tradesman who exceeds the fixed prices. For a second offence the penalty will be the closing of his shop.

OUR \$50 PRIZE. Result of the Second Puzzle.

THREE COMPETITORS TIE

The "China Mail" has pleasure in announcing the result of its second Cross-Word Puzzle Competition for which three competitors have tied as follows, with six errors each:—

S. V. Gittins, \$16.67
14, Ashley Road, Kowloon.

E. M. Noronha, \$16.67
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Orient, Hong Kong.

F. E. de Sousa, \$16.66
P. O. Box 46, Hong Kong.

In accordance with the rules, cheques will be sent four days hence, to the winners under registered cover, together with the congratulations of the "China Mail."

There were six competitors with only seven errors each.

The correct solutions are as follows:—

Across.
1. BATHS; 4. ARC; 3. NONET;
5. RA; 12. ER; 13. REMATE; 14. OFFERS; 15. REEKS; 19. TO; 21. DING; 23. ISLE; 25. FA; 26. AFT;
28. OCT; 30. PIN; 31. FATED; 32. MATER; 33. WAS; 36. DEN; 37. HIT; 38. ACT; 40. DAB; 42. FOD; 43. SOCKETS; 47. LUG; 49. OD; 50. SINE; 51. NEAP; 53. TO; 54. PANE; 56. ARIA; 58. LYB; 60. PIE; 62. SOD; 64. AR; 65. WENDS; 66. TA; 67. SKIMS; 68. AGE; 69. QUILTS.

Down.
2. ARE; 3. TANG; 5. RAVE; 7. NEED; 8. ERR; 10. FERN; 11. TOS; 13. RUTA; 15. SCAN; 17. EGO; 18. KIT; 20. OFF; 22. IDES; 24. LOAD; 25. FIR; 27. TAWIE; 28. CHECK; 30. PENAL; 32. TAT; 34. TED; 37. HOD; 38. ACE; 39. TEN; 41. BUT; 42. FOIL; 43. SINK; 44. ONE; 45. TEA; 46. SARK; 48. GOOD; 49. SA; 52. PT; 54. PERI; 55. TING; 57. ASTI; 59. YAK; 60. FEA; 61. EDE; 63. OAT.

DIOCESAN BOYS'

PROSPECTUS OF SCHOOL WORKING.

THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The prospectus of Diocesan Boys' School is published in compact and very readable form with a perspective view of the new School buildings when the whole is complete, details of school working and pictures of the interior.

The School was opened on the island of Hong Kong in 1860 as a school for Chinese girls. From 1868 to 1890 children of both sexes of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage, were admitted. A separate girls' school was opened about 1890 and since that date only boys of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage have been admitted. In recent years as many as twelve nationalities have been represented in the school.

The site formation for the new school on the mainland was begun in March 1924, and the work on the buildings in August 1924. In July 1925 owing to local conditions it was decided to omit one storey and the tower. The School moved into the new buildings in March 1926.

The School has always been well known throughout the Far East for its high standard in general work, in discipline, and in results in examinations.

There are normally 460 boys in the school, 100 of whom are Boarders. About 300 of the boys are Chinese.

The booklet containing the prospectus also sets out the description of the site and buildings when complete.

The full staff under the head-mastership of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., is given. The Management Committee is composed of the following:—

The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong; Mr. G. S. Archbutt, Major E. J. Bone, Professor G. T. Byrne, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, The Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Headmaster), The Rev. G. R. Lindsey, The Rev. H. C. Moyle, Mr. W. L. Patterson, The Hon. Sir H. B. Pollock, K.C., Mr. T. G. Wall, with the Honorary Secretary (Rev. N. V. Hatward).

NAVAL YARD LOSS.

MR. F. E. WILKINS RECEIVES PRESENTATION.

HAPPY SOCIAL EVENING.

A large number of the European staff of the Naval Yard gathered together in the Dockyard Clubrooms on Tuesday evening to bid farewell to Mr. F. E. Wilkins, foreman of boilermakers, who is re-appointed Home after serving seven years in the Hong Kong Naval Yard.

Mr. C. Young presided, and among those present were Engr. Captain E. G. Pallot, D.S.O., and Engr. Commander Sebastian.

The chairman, in the course of a complimentary speech, referred to the many good points and sporting qualities of Mr. Wilkins, who was he said, one of those quiet social workers who was here, there, and everywhere. He was sorry to lose such a good associate.

In presenting Mr. Wilkins with a solid silver tea set and tray, subscribed for by the European staff of the various departments in the Yard, Engr. Captain Pallot spoke of his excellent qualities, and noted with deep satisfaction the enthusiasm shown by him at all times in connection with his various duties as a foreman. It gave him great pleasure in presenting the handsome token of esteem and hoped that it would serve to remind him of the happy times he had spent among the staff of the Hong Kong Naval Yard.

Expressing thanks, Mr. Wilkins said he was sorry to leave Hong Kong for he had had the time of his life here in this "little red spot on the map" Colony. He had enjoyed every week of his seven years here.

The recipient was accorded musical honours and a lengthy programme of songs was rendered by Messrs. Bennett, Stephenson, Robinson, Rundell, White, McGill, Bates, and Mr. Wilkins himself, while Mr. Longyear gave a splendid piano solo selection from his repertoire of overtures. Mr. A. Hake was the accompanist for the singers.

Later, Mr. A. Ponsford, Inspector, on behalf of the boilermakers' staff, paid a tribute to Mr. Wilkins. The Clubrooms were now crowded and the Company was thoroughly representative.

After a general exchange of good wishes, etc., three hearty cheers were given, followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Those of the Party having other engagements, took their departure at this stage of the proceedings, and it being Festive Time (on account of the Chinese New Year Holidays) the musical honours and merriment continued with the utmost camaraderie.

The piece de resistance was the thoughtful supply of splendid samples of the well known succulent pats of delight called "Pompey Pasties;" as the supply was unlimited, many Oliver Twist's were detected. For the second half Mr. Mitchell attacked the piano as accompanist and the chorus of almost every known English song, from "The Blind Boy" to "Show me the way to go Home" was sung.

Mr. Wilkins who is well known in local social circles, and who is a Past Master, and founder of the Cathay Lodge of Freemasons in Hong Kong, leaves the Colony on Saturday next, by the s.s. "Moran."

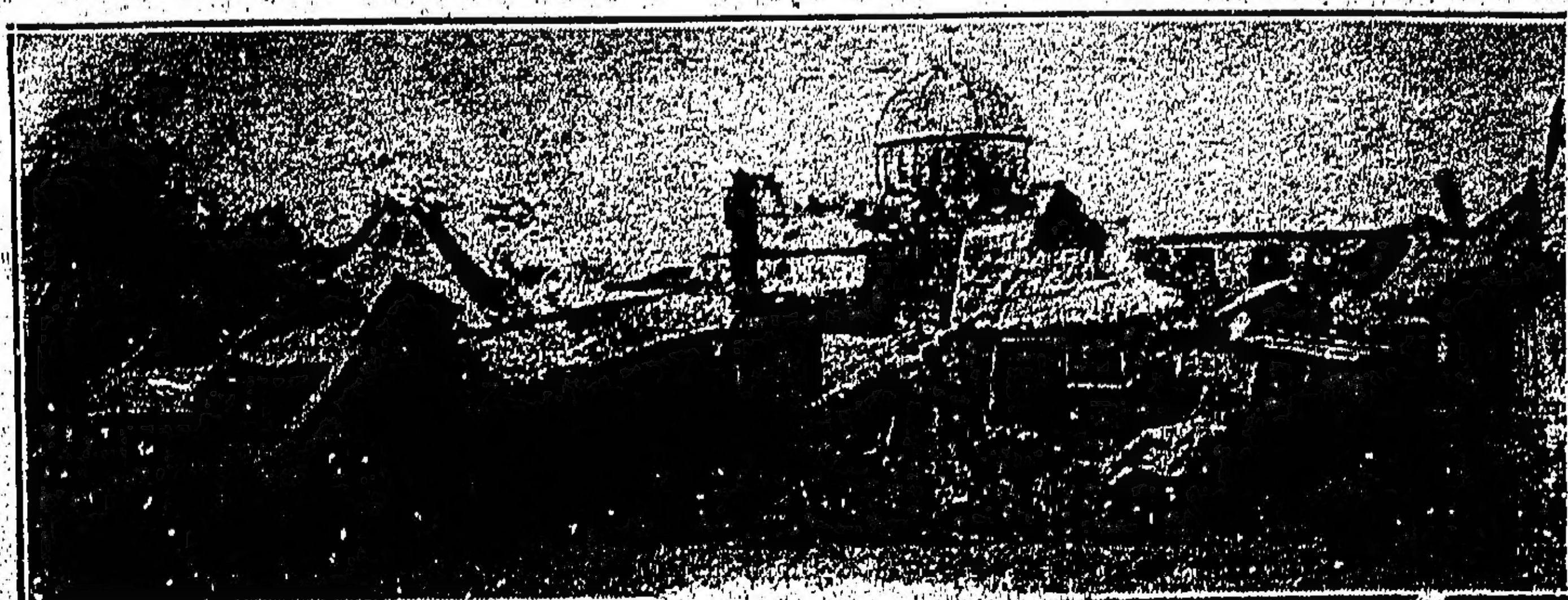
DOCTOR'S DRESS RULES.

London.—Corsets for girls are anathema and hard hats and stiff collars for boys an abomination, says Dr. S. Hemming, Belfrage, honorary medical secretary of the New Health Society.

Addressing a meeting of the Parents' Association at 35, Lowndes-square, S.W., he said that no hats at all, was the best condition, but loose caps were better if head-gear must be worn. Woolen or fabric pullovers were better for boys than a waistcoat.

If parents began with the very young children to train the skin to exposure to the air there would not be that danger, when they grew up, from the vagaries of the climate as now. Every school of any size ought to have an open-air cold bath available for use once or twice a day.

Answering questions, Dr. Belfrage said parents should combine where possible and make these demands from the preparatory and public schools.



This shows some of the wrecked houses at Bantaga Beach, in the Philippines, after a typhoon struck the island. Many were killed and injured in the storm.

HANKOW BOMBSHELL.

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agreement which shall settle the status of the portion of Chinese territory known as the British Concession at Hankow.

"This period could be ended immediately, or at any time, by the British Government re-announcing the effect on the Nationalist mind of the present concentration of their military and naval forces at Shanghai.—Reuter.

PEKING SILENT.

No Comment on British Proposals.

Peking, Feb. 2. The British proposals regarding China, although commented on by Sir Austen Chamberlain, will not be published in Peking until Feb. 3.

Peking, Feb. 2. The vernacular papers still offer no comment on Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech.—Reuter.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Attempts to Arrest Hankow Foreigners?

Wireless messages received yesterday morning from the North indicate that in certain districts trouble was anticipated over the Chinese New Year but the absence of more messages is taken to mean that such demonstrations passed off without incident.

The messages despatched on Tuesday night, were as follows: Eighty-six British missionaries have evacuated Chungking.

Shipping godown employees at Chungking struck yesterday. Large propaganda meetings have been arranged over the Chinese New Year holidays. Chinese stokers and boatmen have left H.M.S. "Woodark" owing to pressure from their unions.

One thousand Chinese troops have left Changsha down-river in junks for Wush.

A wireless message regarding Hankow states that there are rumours of attempted arrests of leading foreigners to enforce demands.

A large number of troops have proceeded down-river from Hankow.

Missionaries—mostly ladies—have arrived at Kinkiang from the interior.

The difficulties experienced with the pickets regarding the searching of passengers boarding British vessels were "overcome without serious incident."

A Nanking message states that troops which left yesterday have landed 20 miles below Wuhu.

FORCES FOR CHINA.

Malta's Great Send Off For Troops.

Malta, Feb. 1. The Second Border and the First Bedford and Hertford Regiments, which are going to Shanghai on board the "Megantic" are in the highest of spirits. The transport had a tremendous send-off as it moved through a line of battleships to the strains of "Shanghai" and "Auld Lang Syne," the crews of the battleships and the crowds ashore cheering very heartily.

Major-General Duncan expressed the opinion that there would be no trouble in China as the force we were sending was quite sufficient to prevent it.—Reuter.

Plane Carrier Sails.

London, Feb. 1. The plane carrier "Argus," which has been reconducted at Chatham at a cost of £270,000, has gone to China from Portsmouth loaded with aeroplanes and spare parts. She has a full complement of naval and R.A.F. personnel.

The carrier "Hermes" and the cruiser "Vindictive" fitted up as a carrier are already in China. When the "Argus" arrives there will be eighty aeroplanes available.—Reuter.

Troops From India.

Bombay, Feb. 1. A further contingent of British and Indian troops has left for China.—Reuter.

AMERICA HOPEFUL.

Expects Results from Amicable Proposals.

Washington, Feb. 2. It is learned at the White House that Pres. Coolidge does not expect that it will be necessary for Americans to evacuate Shanghai as a result of the Chinese disorders, but the American naval forces are concentrating there so as to be prepared for any contingency.

The President is not apprehensive owing to over a hundred Americans being reported missing in the interior of China, since he believes that they have merely lost touch with communications.

The Administration is still hopeful that the recent amicable proposals of the United States Government, coupled with the recent British proposals, will ultimately lead to negotiations with the Chinese factions.—Reuter's American Service.

Marines for Manila.

Washington, Feb. 2. Twelve hundred Marines now at San Diego are going to Guam on Feb. 3, and 300 Marines at present at Guam are going to Manila.

With an enlarged detachment at Guam the United States Navy will be in a better position to transport men if required.—Reuter's American Service.

Hopes For The Best.

Rugby, Feb. 1. According to Washington reports published here, authoritative United States circles express the hope that the liberal British promises to China will produce a turn in the tide of anti-foreign feeling, thus obviating the necessity for the use of the armed forces of any Power to protect its nationals.—British Wireless Service.

Reported Commission.

Washington, Feb. 1. The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, has no knowledge of any project to appoint a new American Commission to investigate the Chinese situation which is one of several courses suggested to President Coolidge.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANGHAI DANGER.

World Tourist Ship Diverted.

New York, Feb. 1. The Red Star liner "Belgenland," now in Chinese waters, has received wireless orders not to call at Shanghai but to proceed to the next port, namely Hong-Kong, following the receipt of consular advice that it would be unwise to land four hundred American tourists at Shanghai at present.—Reuter's American Service.

NOTABLE SPEECHES.

Labour Leaders Support Government.

Rugby, Feb. 1. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech in South Wales last night, again urged that the negotiations at present being conducted offered the best hopes for a settlement of the differences in China.

He was convinced that if the negotiations with Mr. Chen on the basis of Chinese nationality were pressed forward, the lives of the residents of Shanghai would not be threatened.

He proceeded: "I am optimistic enough to believe that everything is going to be right. I am very glad that Sir Austen Chamberlain made that speech at Birmingham. Every help that the Opposition can give him in negotiating on those lines will be given. Make no mistake about that."

"I do not understand that those people who tell me as Leader of the Opposition that because the Government is doing something I ought to do the opposite. I decline absolutely to be moved by that sort of feeling."

"So long as the Government negotiates with Mr. Chen on lines of recognition of Chinese independence and the liquidating of old treaties I will be behind them to give them all help I can."

"Put all your trust in negotiation and in the personality of the men whom this country has sent out there. Sir Miles Lampson is admirable. Mr. O'Malley is admirable. I firmly believe that if anyone can settle things those men can.—British Wireless Service."

Foreign Secretary Praised.

Rugby, Feb. 1. Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a speech at Reading, said that he had no hesitation in saying that the speech of the Foreign Secretary on Saturday was not only wise and statesmanlike, but that it was a magnificent contribution to peace.

Mr. Eugene Chen, speaking for a great section of the Chinese people, made a declaration last week which, put side by side with the Foreign Secretary's statement, ought in his judgment to render a peaceful solution possible.

Mr. Thomas added that he recognised the duty of the Government to protect its nationals and said that as long as the present Government maintained its policy of meeting the Chinese people fairly and squarely, the Labour Party ought to say "Godspeed, Go on. We will help you and back you in the peace spirit as against anybody that would precipitate war."—British Official Wireless.

LIBERAL VIEWS.

China and the League.

Rugby, Feb. 1. In a speech in London last night, Lord Grey referred to the situation in China in its relation

to the League of Nations. He said that the recent speech of Sir Austen Chamberlain, in as far as he could judge, commanded the approval of the whole country. In it no reference was made to the League because the situation in China was for two reasons unsuitable for the League.

Firstly the great difficulty in China was the state of civil war existing there. The League could not deal with internal affairs.

Secondly in the Chinese Nationalist policy a considerable influence was being exercised by the Soviet Government of Moscow, which was openly hostile to the League.

In such circumstances to bring the League into this question would be regarded by the Chinese Nationalists and their Soviet advisers not as a conciliatory gesture but as a challenge.

If, however, the Chinese Nationalists were prepared to accept the League solution, the British would be quite agreeable. Even if they were not so prepared, yet the League of Nations spirit was manifestly doing a great deal to restrain public opinion not to resort to force, even under great provocation except in defence of life and property and after every possible peaceful means had been tried to settle the dispute.

Lord Cecil said that he fully agreed with what Lord Grey had said.—British Wireless Service.

Old Treaties Out of Date.

London, Feb. 2. Viscount Grey of Falcon, in a speech at the League of Nations Union gathering in London, said that it seemed to be common ground that the old treaties in China were out of date and must be revised in accordance with Chinese national aspirations.

If so it was reasonable to hope that British Concessions, lives and property would be respected while civil war was proceeding and there would finally be a peaceful solution in accordance with Chinese national feeling.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech appeared to have commanded approval all over the world, but he did not mention the League of Nations because the question was unsuitable for the League.

The League could not deal with civil war, and as long as the Soviet Government at Moscow was openly hostile to the League, the bringing of the League into this question would be regarded by the Chinese Nationalists and their Soviet advisers as a hostile gesture and a challenge.—Reuter.

SPAIN AND POWERS.

British Proposals Approved.

Madrid, Feb. 2. Replying to the British Government's Memorandum on China, the Spanish Government agrees to the British proposals with regard to the immediate application of the customs surtaxes and the gradual modification of extraterritoriality, provided adequate guarantees are given for Spanish nationals residing in China.

The Spanish Government holds the opinion that in view of the present situation in China, a political declaration by all the Powers adhering to the Washington Convention would be a delicate matter, but Spain will not break the desired unanimity if the Powers more directly interested have reached agreement with regard to such a declaration.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

London, Feb. 1. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Glasgow Unionist Association Sir John Gilmour said that the Chinese situation was one of great difficulty but that the Government was pursuing a pacific policy and was dealing with the Chinese people in the fairest, openest possible manner.

The policy of ensuring the security of the Empire by establishing a base at Singapore was now fully justified. If Britain had that base to-day there would not have been the present difficulty.

British policy was not aggressive but not an easy one. The desperate element existing in the world to-day must be resisted.—Reuter.

Hankow Pictures.

London, Feb. 1. The newspapers in London are giving prominence to pictures of the British marines in their stand before the mob in Hankow.—Reuter.

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"IN" PRIVATE.

THE "SUNNING" PIRACY COMMISSION.

GOVERNMENT ADAMANT.

Correspondence passing between the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China on the one side and the Hong Kong Government on the other relative to the constitution of the "Sunning" Piracy Commission has been forwarded for publication.

The Guilds remind the Government of the promise made by the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher in 1924 that "he was speaking on behalf of His Majesty's Government in saying that the Government would be most willing to agree that Officers and Engineers should be given full opportunity of being represented in connection with the consideration of any matter affecting their interests or well-being."

The Guilds asked the Government to permit their representation not necessarily in an official capacity on the "Sunning" Piracy Commission, but for the purpose of watching briefs.

The Government replied that a master mariner with experience of the China coast had been added to the Commission and full opportunity would be afforded to the Guilds to place their views before the Commission, in writing and orally. The Government was of opinion that it was in the best interests of all concerned that the proceedings should be private.

A request for re-consideration met with a refusal from the Government.

RED TIE TO GO.

CHANGE ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

The red tie universally worn by the men of the operating section on the Southern Railway is to go. It will be replaced by a blue tie, which the railway company will issue. The red tie was worn for many years as part of the uniform of railway servants of the London and South-Western Company, and when the amalgamation was effected it was adopted for the operating grades of all the railways which formed the new Southern Group.

How the tie came to be adopted is an interesting story. A director was travelling on the old London and South-Western Railway system some years ago when a difficulty arose about stopping the train, and he conceived the idea that every man engaged in operating traffic should wear a bold red tie so that in case of emergency it could be taken off and used as a danger signal. The idea was adopted, and became part of the official uniform of porters and other traffic grades.

"I am glad that the company is doing away with the red tie (said a railwayman) and I think most of us are. Many of the men objected to having to wear the tie, and got into trouble for not doing so. You know what Moscow has done for the country. We have been insulted by people who thought we were 'Reds,' and during General Strike the tie caused a good deal of trouble. To some it was like a red rag to a bull."

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DRUG EVIL.

Inquiry Into Sources of Supply.

PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKERS.

Geneva, Feb. 2. The Opium Commission of the League has adopted the proposals of Sir Malcolm Delevingne, that methodical investigations should be undertaken by the Governments of all countries manufacturing narcotics in order to determine the sources from which traffickers in drugs obtain their supplies and the methods they adopt.

Severe measures are provided against any manufacturer, importer or trader who is found guilty of knowingly supplying narcotics for any except medicinal and scientific purposes.

Permits for the manufacture, export of or trade in narcotics will be granted only to persons able to establish the good faith of their commercial activity.—Reuter.

SIKH TIED TO STAIRS.

ESCAPES BY BITING THROUGH ROPES.

Singapore, Jan. 21. About four o'clock this morning, a Sikh entered Kreta Ayer police station with his hands tied behind him.

After being released, he informed the police sergeant that his employer and another man had tied him to the stairs of a house, the previous night, and that by chewing the ropes, he had managed to break away.

The fact that the ropes were wet, and tied in such a manner that it would have been impossible for him to have tied himself, gave credence to his story and his employer, and the man who, it was alleged had assisted in tying him up, were arrested and charged with unlawful confinement.

The case was mentioned before Mr. C. P. Smith in the Third Police Court this morning and postponed.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 3—Queen's Theatre; Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes."

February 3—World Theatre; "The Fool's Luck."

February 3—Star Theatre; "The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted."

Sports.

February 3—Interport soccer—Southern China v. Eastern China, Soekumpoo, 3.30 p.m.

February 3—Cricket—H.K.C.C. v. United Service, H.K.C.C. ground.

February 3—Fencing point-to-point race.

February 6—Fifth tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

February 6—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Staplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwanti Race Course.

Meetings. February 2—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m.

February 10—Adjourned meeting of Kowloon Football Club, Clubhouse, Chatham Rd., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The master of the s.s. "President Harrison," tied at No. 5 wharf, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that thieves entered various cabins on board the vessel during Tuesday night, stealing money and jewellery valued at \$237.

The supply to telephone users of complete market reports, not only from the Continental bourses, but also from the London Stock Exchange, is a new development of the German telephone service. The system of telephony to and from moving trains that has been adopted in that country renders these reports readily available for business men who may be actually travelling. Buying or selling orders can be given from the train with practically the same ease as from an office.

A fire broke out at Chuk Yuen, Kowloon City, on Tuesday night, destroying five matchboxes valued at \$550.

When dust cart No. 28 was being driven down Square Street in the direction of Hollywood Road on Tuesday afternoon, the coolies in charge lost control of the vehicle resulting in a crash into a stall and extensive damage being done to a fire alarm standard.

The managing proprietor of the Kwong On Loong shop, No. 9, Wing Yuen Street, has reported to the Police that on Tuesday afternoon he entrusted a foki with \$4,000 for the purpose of paying a number of bills. The foki did not return to the store in the evening and it is believed that he has absconded to Canton.

Mr. R. Valerino, residing at No. 51, Granville Road, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that some time during the early hours of yesterday morning someone entered his house by means of a duplicate key fitting the kitchen door, stealing a Victrola gramophone, a Mah Jong set and a felt hat, of a total value of \$157.

The Government of New South Wales has decided to introduce an Endowment Bill providing for married men to receive an additional wage of six shillings per week for each child, and it is estimated that the plan will cost the State and employers \$7,000,000 a year.

"In January, 1926, the boat of the steamer 'Trevesa,' which was on exhibition at Wembley, was presented to the Sussex Division R.V.N.R. and mounted on the parade ground at Hove. Since then a sum of about \$22 has been collected in a box placed alongside her. At the suggestion of the general secretary of the National Seamen's Union, a sum of \$20 has just been forwarded to the Henry Radcliffe Home at Limsfield, Surrey, for all ranks and ratings of the Mercantile Marine.

A porter employed at Fanning railway station has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the head sustained as a result of his being knocked down by a locomotive when he was walking along the railway line.

"THEOSOPHY"
"Shintoism and the Pagoda" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, February 3rd, at 8 p.m. Lecturer Mr. D. C. de Silva. The public is cordially invited to attend.—Good Library.

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Cyrus E. Woods, former Ambassador to Spain and Japan, whose nomination by President Coolidge to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, bids fair to bring on a fight in the Senate. Members of that body charge Woods with being involved in the last scandalous Republican primary in Pennsylvania, and say that he is not qualified to serve on the commission.



Herncio Vasquez, president of the Dominican Republic, which has just paid off the last instalment of its bond issue of \$20,000,000, of 1908, thus clearing up the debt thirty-one years before its authorized maturity.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Forty years' occupation of the same editorial chair are completed by Mr. Walter Lindley-Jones with the present issue of "The Mercantile Guardian." During that period the journal has grown from 36 pages in small octavo to normal issues of 200 large pages.

Mr. William Pearce, a prominent figure in building society circles, after leaving \$250 each to his two executors, and a life annuity of \$100 to his mother, bequeathed the remainder of his property (net personality, \$72,316) to the Liverpool Seamen's Orphanage.

According to a Reuters cable from Ottawa, the death is announced of Colonel Richard Osborne, Military Secretary to Lord Willingdon.

Natural steam rising from geysers has been employed in Japan to turn wheels which generated electricity which was eventually used for lighting purposes (says the "World Magazine.") In Sonoma County, California, natural steam rising from hot springs has been used for heating purposes in dwellings and other buildings.

Canton, February 1.—A Canton Information Bureau message states that the anniversary of the birthday of Madame Sun Yat-sen was celebrated by all organisations, showing the high esteem and respect for the widow of the Chinese Revolutionary Leader. Numerous telegrams conveying congratulations were sent to Wuchang, where Madame Sun, as a member of the Kuomintang C. E. C. and head of the Women Department is staying.

GRAND OLD VETERAN PASSES.

Judge John Barton Payne, Chairman of the American Red Cross. He recently attended the International Red Cross Conference in Tokyo, Japan.

The Hon. Margaret and the Hon. Allison Hore-Ruthven, better known as the "Ruthven Twins," have given up Society life to become mannequins in a smart dress shop (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer). "The joy of it is," one of them told me, "that the management of the place never know which of us is on duty. Only one of us at a time is about the place, and we are so much alike that it is practically impossible to tell which of us is which unless we are side by side."

Rugby, February 1.—General Sir George Higginson, who celebrated his 100th birthday last June, died to-day at Marlow. He obtained his commission in 1845 and fought through the Crimean War with the Grenadier Guards, taking part in the rally round colours at Inkerman. After an association of eighty years with the Guards, he assisted last year at the ceremony of unveiling the Guards Memorial in London. The Duke of Connaught insisted on his joining hands in order that they might together press the button which was to set in operation the electric current which removed the velling flag.—British Wireless Service.



L. B. Cordeau, of Montreal, who is president of the Quebec Liquor Commission.

A British wireless message states that it is officially announced that Mr. Michael Francis McDonnell, of the Inner Temple, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Palestine. Mr. McDonnell has held a number of judicial and legal posts in West Africa. His last office was that of Attorney-General in Sierra Leone.

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

This week's news from China will be eagerly awaited by people at home whose interest has now been roused to the highest pitch by the announcement of the Home Government with regard to Concessions, Treaties and Tariff.

Also there is this last chapter of Bias Bay piracy, so close to Hong Kong, of the British steamer "Seang Bee."

The "Overland China Mail" also tells how Hong Kong spent China New Year—a sign of the times in that the Chinese are happy and in festive mood in spite of what propagandists may say.

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SPORTS SECTION

THE INTERPORT.

Soccer of Varying Fortunes.

HONG KONG WIN BY 4-NIL.

A game of varying fortunes, yesterday's Interport soccer match, in which Hong Kong beat Shanghai 4 goals to nil, provided plenty of thrills, chiefly in the first half and the early part of the second for during the latter part of the game Hong Kong had matters more or less their own way.

The score at half time was by no means an indication of the run of the game. Hong Kong then led by 1-0, the result of a penalty kick which was Shanghai had made most of the middle and Hong Kong's goal had had some narrow escapes. If victory had rested on the penalty goal alone many would have felt that it was not a satisfactory result although the incident which led to it gave every appearance of a deliberate foul by Brown in a favourable position for shooting.

"Stars" of the Match. However, the penalty undoubtedly lived up to players of high standards to greater efforts and the standard of play was higher from that time onwards. Half time came very shortly after Gosano had scored from the penalty kick and with the wind in their favour, Hong Kong in the second half gave a far more convincing display.

The outstanding features of the game were the splendid defence of Wynne who was a tower of strength to the Hong Kong team; the splendid work of Clark in goal; the hard and effective work of Sims at centre half; the tricky footplay of Li Wai-tong, the Shanghai (and ex-Hong Kong) inside left, who was the most dangerous in attack and the fine work of the Shanghai half back line, Gash, Price and Hurry.

7,000 Spectators. The match was played before a crowd of some 7,000 people. Gosano and Suen Kam-shun each scored twice for Hong Kong. The teams lined up with only two changes in those originally selected: C. H. Ho, the visiting goalkeeper for Eastern China, playing in Testall's place for Shanghai and C. F. Remedios played in Lam Yuk-wing's place for Hong Kong. Teams (right to left) were—

Hong Kong.
Goal: Clark (Police);
backs: Wynne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.) captain;
halves: Hudson (Police), Sims (Kowloon F.C.) vice-captain, C. F. Remedios (F.C.);
forwards: Two Kwai-sing (Chinese Athletic), Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Athletic), Gosano (Recreio), McGlinchey (2nd/Scottish Borderers), A. J. Brown (Recreio).

Shanghai.
Goal: C. H. Ho (Trinity);
backs: J. B. Brown (Artillery) vice-captain, an Kan (Loh Hwa);
halves: Hurry (Police), Gash (Police) captain, Price (S.F.C.);
forwards: Baxter (S.F.C.), Callaco (P.S.A.), Marcell (P.S.A.), Li Wai-tong (Loh Hwa), C. W. Chen (Loh Hwa).

Referee: Mr. J. W. Baldwin. Linesmen: Messrs. Phillips and Dawes.

Gosano Injured Early. Bishop won the toss for Hong Kong and elected to play with the sun behind them although a fair wind was blowing and might have assisted them materially had they chosen the H.K.F.C. end. Although Shanghai had the disadvantage of the sun facing them they took up the attack from the whistle. Clark was tried first by a fine shot from Chen but cleared well, as he repeatedly did when hard pressed. Gosano was unfortunate in being slightly injured early on. Gosano might have scored then had not the concerted attack on him put him off colour.

When Fame Did Not Pay. A. J. Brown managed to gain possession from an excellent "feeder" by Sims and took the ball down the wing with a splendid effort, but he was not backed up and was robbed by Baxter.

Once rebuffed, Brown endeavoured again to force the issue but his advance was too fast and his speed carried the ball back to the Shanghai half. Clark reversed the play and Marcell attempted a try from well out. Clark, however, returned his effort into play enabling A. J. Brown to get away once more.

It was evident that the visitors had "heard about" the Recreio's representatives for neither Brown nor Gosano could get away on their own without a mass attack on themselves. In this case Brown was forced to send the ball back to Sims in an endeavour to give another player the chance which he could not take owing to being hemmed in.

Best Save of the Match. Chen went in and secured, dashing down the wind in fine style with the team in support for once. A splendid shot, low and correctly placed, reached Marcell's feet and from his effort Clark made the finest save of the match to relieve a nasty situation.

Callaco endeavoured to break through but Sims trapped the ball and fed Brown who shot away. Remedios keeping pace in the centre. A corner was forced and Remedios placed nicely, the effort being cleared smartly by Hurry. Remedios took both to good purpose but Shanghai were taking no chances and always sailed in after the ball to clear.

Fine Chance Missed. No really good football up to this period had been witnessed. Neither side seemed able to gain the mastery, due somewhat to lack of combination.

Then came a united effort by the Hong Kong forward line, with McGlinchey prominent, but the ball was sent wide.

Li took up the chase, passed up to Marcell and followed up the return shot from Clark with a solo effort but Clark once again frustrated all efforts.

A fine chance was missed by Gosano at this juncture, when he shot the ball a few yards wide.

First Goal from a Penalty. Following some rather moderate football the first goal was scored from a pass by Remedios, A. J. Brown went through to the visitors' goal but was fouled by Hurry in the penalty area. The spot kick was taken by Gosano and his fast drive gave the Shanghai custodian no chance whatever.

Resuming with the sun against them but little wind to worry about, Shanghai took the aggressive.

A shot by Gosano, who was always in the thick of the attack, just shaved the bar in being over. Such a fabled hand as Ho and the latter did well to prevent him scoring.

Persistent Attacks. Play bogged, for a while until Baxter got away and from then on both teams attacked persistently. Baxter's effort was, however, cleverly disposed of by Sims.

The field then became clear for the Shanghai vanguard and Sims conceded a corner to avert pressure. A goal for Shanghai became imminent and Sims's strategy saved the situation by passing the in-coming ball to Hudson.

With only fifteen minutes to go, play became exceedingly fast and oftentimes clever.

Hudson had a clear field and sent in a beautiful drop shot which Gosano headed into the net, Ho having no chance to save. Thus Hong Kong became two up.

Suen's 2 Spectacular Goals. After Shanghai's kick-off, Sims sent the ball well up but Chen got to it first and made a really good effort which unfortunately went wide.

Li then asserted himself but Clark held his shot. This effort was sent in from some distance and therefore not very fast.

Tense play was the order for the remainder of the game for Sims and Gosano, particularly the latter, seemed to have secured a new lease of life. Gosano was well marked again and Sims adroitly turned the ball around Gosano to Suen Kam-shun and Suen scored the third goal from a few yards out with a terrific shot.

Left unmarked, Brown swung the ball over to Suen Kam-shun who again scored, making his second decisive shot in two minutes. Hong Kong held the field for the remainder of the play, but Shanghai were very sporty and defended well.

Defence Scheme Works. That Shanghai did not score was due in great measure to the splendid understanding between Sims and Wynne. Li Wai-tong has improved since leaving Hong Kong but between the winners' pivot and right back, they mastered him to such good purpose that he had no real opening.

Two Kwai-sing was a thorn in the side of the Shanghai defence. This ex-Shanghai player dribbled at top speed and showed fine ball control against his old friends. He and A. J. Brown were the pets of the local middle line. When one was harassed, the ball was given to the other, thereby leading to the raids on Shanghai's citadel.

Coming in at left-half (and he usually plays on the right), Remedios worked like a Trojan and shone both in defence and attack.

Superior Forward Line. Gosano and Suen Kam-shun were the most effective of the inside forwards if not the best artists.

Hong Kong's victory was due mainly to a superior forward line, so versatile that Hong Kong played six forwards in the latter part of the game.

"C. H. Ho, the visitors' substitute goalie, did very well against powerful shooting. Although they played good soccer, the Shanghai side could not devise a scheme to penetrate Hong Kong's ubiquitous defence and therefore lost.

One fault that was apparent was that the inside men were too prone to let the wing forwards make the ground for them instead of combining towards an advance.

OLD BOXER'S DEATH. Pittsburgh, Jan. 24. Dominick McCaffrey, famous Pittsburgh heavy-weight boxer in the days of John L. Sullivan, whom he once fought, died here. He met many of the leading pugilists of his time during his ring career, defeating Charley Mitchell, the English champion, in a four-round bout in New York in 1884 and exchanging punches with Sullivan a year later in Cincinnati. McCaffrey, who was 68 years of age, spent his last days as a tipstaff in the Allegheny county courts. "China Press."

ANOTHER CENTURY.

CLUB'S BIG SCORE V. UNITED SERVICE.

3 FIGURE 1ST PARTNERSHIP.

Batting to such good purpose yesterday, the Hong Kong Cricket Club were able to declare their 1st innings closed in their two-day annual match against the United Services and are in a strong position for continuing to-day.

A. W. Hayward, who has represented both Shanghai and Hong Kong in Interport cricket, and who has been in fine form lately with the bat, made another century.

He and Gardner, opened the H.K.C.C. innings at 11 a.m. The latter made 54 (including 8 fours) out of a partnership of 137 in about an hour and three-quarters.

Fast Scoring. Third out after batting under three hours, Hayward made 118 out of 242. His score included 19 fours.

Scoring continued to be fast after Hayward was out. Another 100 runs were added in about an hour and the innings was subsequently declared closed at 37 runs for 7 wickets down.

Going in first wicket, down, Owen Hughes hit 7 fours out of his 38.

Of the other batsmen, Sayer had 2 sixes and 6 fours in his 52 and Hamilton had a six and 4 fours out of 19 not out.

Services' Innings. Major Lightfoot had most of the Service bowling. Of the eight tried, Captain Bridgland took 4 wickets.

Disaster overtook the Services early when they went in to bat. The first wicket fell for 7 runs. Then Lt. Agnew, a newcomer, and Captain Bridgland made a stand.

Two wickets were down for 50 but when stumps were drawn for the day, the score was 83 for 5 wickets, Agnew being last out with 37 to his credit.

The Club put on four bowlers, each of whom took at least a wicket.

Play continues to-day. Scores: H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, c. Shaw, b. Wright 118
G. F. Gardner, b.w., b. Bridgland 54
H. Owen Hughes, c. Shaw, b. Lightfoot 38
G. R. Sayer, c. Lightfoot, b. Bridgland 52
T. E. Pearce, c. Shaw, b. Bridgland 26
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. Venn, b. Lightfoot 3
H. V. Parker, not out 26
J. R. Hinton, st. Venn, b. Bridgland 19
E. W. Hamilton, not out 10
Extras 26

Total (for 7 wts., dec.) 370
A. C. I. Bowler, G. R. Vallack did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Ov. M. R. W.
Lightfoot 26 2 112 2
Evers 11 3 39 1
Lake 13 2 35 0
Morris 9 0 52 0
Emley 1 0 1 0
Bridgland 12 0 77 4
Agnew 1 1 0 0
Wright 10 2 28 1

United Services—1st Innings.

Lt. W. G. Agnew, R.N., b. Vallack 37
Capt. A. N. Evers, R.A.P.C., c. Owen Hughes, b. Bowker 0
Capt. C. A. Bridgland, R.C. of S., c. Mitchell, b. Parker 28
Capt. E. W. Morris, I.A.S.C., c. b. Sayer 2
Lt. G. L. E. M. Sturges, R.N., b. Sayer 0
Major L. J. Lightfoot, R.A.P.C., not out 6
Extras 9

Total (for 5 wts.) 82
To bat: Lt. Wright, R.A., Pay Lt.-Comdr. A. P. Shaw, R.N., Lt. F. G. Emley, R.N., Rev. R. T. Venn, R.N., Pte. A. D. Lake, R.A.O.C.

QUARTETTE OF SPORT CHAMPIONS.



Left to right—Vincent Richards (lawn tennis professional), Babe Ruth (the baseball champion), Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen (tennis champion) and Walter Hagen (golf professional champion) at the new Canadian Pacific golf course, Langara, South Vancouver, "snapped" on the roof garden of the Hotel Vancouver.

HOME F.A. CUP.

REPLAYS IN 4TH ROUND PROPER.

HOLDERS GET THROUGH.

Bolton Wanderers, the holders of the English F. A. Cup, have got through another round and are now in the last sixteen of this season's competition.

London, Feb. 2. Replays to-day in the 4th round proper of the F.A. Cup (home teams given first) resulted:—

Brentford 2, West Ham 0.
Everton 2, Hull 2.
Aston 1, Port Vale 0.
Bolton 3, Leeds 0.
South Shields 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0.

—Reuter. In the 5th round on Feb. 19, Brentford will be away to Reading; Arsenal receive Liverpool; Bolton will be at home to Cardiff; South Shields receive Swansea; Hull or Everton have to replay (for a second time) on a neutral ground for the right of visiting Wolverhampton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

London, Feb. 2. In division I of the Scottish Football League to-day, Celtic lost to Hibernians by 2 goals to 3.—Reuter.

QUAINT CRICKET.

NOTES ABOUT THE GAME IN INDIA.

A HEATED CONTROVERSY.

That India can put a fine cricket team in the field was amply proved in the match at Bombay between the M.C.C. and an All-India Indian eleven which was drawn with the balance against the visitors. Cricket, indeed, is one of the institutions introduced by the British that have a remarkable attraction for Indian youth, says J. E. Wootton, formerly Editor of the Allahabad "Pioneer".

In Bombay, Calcutta, and other large cities the game is played with zest by young Indian students and others, who often display admirable skill in batting and bowling and are exceptionally smart in the field.

Extends to Small Fry. The game is not confined to the regular clubs who possess all the necessary paraphernalia. Its fascinations extend to the small fry of the cities, and it is amusing to watch three or foururchins, with scarcely a stitch of clothing, use a tree trunk as bat, a piece of bamboo as ball, and a paper ball, and set out to emulate their elders.

"How's dat?" "Good ball, sah!" are among the phrases familiar on the cricket field which come pat from the lips of these votaries of "cricket," who have no other English words in their vocabulary.

Football is also popular among Indians, many of whom play it admirably.

"Legal Man A Liar!" But, as in England, wrangles are not unknown. On one occasion a match in a country town gave rise to a heated controversy and a petition of one of the teams addressed an impassioned letter to a daily newspaper, in which he not only set out his case at portentous length, but impressively informed the editor that "sworn statements drawn up on the field by a respectable legal gentleman undoubtedly prove that Surendra is a liar."

In the Indian Army, of course, the British officer has played a characteristic part in introducing games among the men, and Indian military teams have frequently distinguished themselves, especially in football and hockey. It is beyond question, too, that cricket, football, and hockey have proved of great physical and moral value to India by diverting the superfluous energies of educated young men into healthy channels.

Mr. George Allsopp, who has managed several Springbok cricket teams, commenting on the M.C.C.'s resolution for a smaller ball, says he has no doubt South Africa will adopt the idea, but thinks the only thing that can be done to help the bowler is to make the batsman use a round-faced bat. Hammond, the Gloucestershire player, who is coaching in Capetown, welcomes the suggestion of the smaller ball. He says the present ball is too clumsy to handle.

Some time ago when the matter was the subject of a big controversy in England the ideas of notable players were as follows:—

T. W. Dursdon (Middlesex) said: "The standard ball of 1926 was so enlarged after a few years that bowlers were unable to control it. A quarter of an inch less circumference would make a wonderful difference."

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent): The bowler is handicapped by the bigger ball.

F. S. Jackson: The resumption of the gauge used in 1926, which was smaller than that of 1926, is all that is necessary. It should not be further reduced.

J. W. H. T. Douglas (Essex): I do not agree with this tinkering with the game. A smaller ball of the same weight will be like a piece of stone, and may injure the fielders' hands. Bowlers should use their brains more.

Mr. F. A. Mitchell-Hodges (Lancashire): We do not want a smaller ball. What we want is the restoration of natural wickets.

K. J. Stark, who was chosen by both England and Scotland for their Rugby international trial matches, has accepted the English invitation.

When W. Steytler, the Natal runner, won the Transvaal Marathon at the first attempt South African critics hailed him as a second McArthur, who it will be recalled, won the Olympic Marathon for South Africa in 1912 at Stockholm. It has since been found out, however, that the courage Steytler ran was two miles short of the recognised Marathon distance, 26 miles 385 yards.

Of South Africa's international cricketers, R. H. Catterall, who did so well in England, is undoubtedly showing the best form this season. In his four innings in Natal cricket he has scored 805 runs and his average is 101.68. The most serious problem in African cricket is the dearth of bowlers. Unless by 1928 fresh talent is unearthed England should win the next Test in South Africa without much difficulty.

SMALLER BALL.

AUSTRALIAN BOWLERS IN FAVOUR.

OPINION ON M.C.C. PROPOSED.

Will the smaller cricket ball help the bowlers?

Following the Marylebone Cricket Club's special sub-committee's recommendation that the circumference of the ball should be a minimum of eight and thirteen-sixteenths of an inch, and the maximum nine inches, and that the law should be altered for the season of 1927, and enforced in 1928, cricketers all over Australia have been eagerly discussing the change.

The English law at present reads: "The ball shall weigh not less than 5½ ounces, nor more than 5¼ ounces. It shall measure not less than nine inches nor more than 9¼ inches in circumference."

Therefore the alteration from the present maximum to the proposed minimum would be marked. No doubt present-day bowlers would appreciate the change to the smaller ball, and that opinion is reflected by expressions of leading Sheffield Shield men.

What Warner Said. P. F. Warner, who is deep in the counsels of English cricket, in his recent book, "The Fight for the Ashes in 1926," says: "I have had the benefit of the opinion of a most distinguished manufacturer, and he suggests that the law should be altered as follows: 'Balls shall not be less than 8¼ inches and not more than 9 inches in circumference, and that the weight should be left as at present.'"

It is urged that if this were done, "continues Mr. Warner, 'it would be possible for the manufacturer to get the quills much firmer, and also the cover might be fitted more securely, so that there would be no fear that the balls would go out of shape.'"

As the recommendation of the M.C.C. sub-committee is so close to that of Mr. Warner's manufacturer, the statement is interesting.

Sheffield Shield Men's Views. "The Sun" (Sydney) secured the opinions of a number of leading cricketers, particularly bowlers, on the subject.

Don Blackie (Victoria) says: With the smaller ball we may be able to spin it more. At present it is hard for any bowler to spin the ball.

Frank Morton (Victoria): The Marylebone idea is a good one. I do not know if the smaller ball will help the speed. I hope it does. I would not mind if it were as small as a golf ball. One could get some nip into his deliveries then.

H. L. Hendry (Victoria): An admirable idea. A bowler will be able to spin the leather well and keep the batsmen thinking all the time. The English ball is better made than the Australian. A bowler could spin the ball better in the old days because it was better stitched. The new ball should be a boon.

B. Bensted (Queensland): I favour the change if it will lighten up cricket and help the bowler. The change should be beneficial.

L. O'Connor (Queensland) captain: I do not know whether the change in the size of the ball will make any appreciable difference. The new ball should prove an interesting experiment.

Jack Ellis (Victoria and Australia's second wicket keeper): The new ball may help the bowlers a little.

Opinions in England. Some time ago when the matter was the subject of a big controversy in England the ideas of notable players were as follows:—

T. W. Dursdon (Middlesex) said: "The standard ball of 1926 was so enlarged after a few years that bowlers were unable to control it. A quarter of an inch less circumference would make a wonderful difference."

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent): The bowler is handicapped by the bigger ball.

F. S. Jackson: The resumption of the gauge used in 1926, which was smaller than that of 1926, is all that is necessary. It should not be further reduced.

J. W. H. T. Douglas (Essex): I do not agree with this tinkering with the game. A smaller ball of the same weight will be like a piece of stone, and may injure the fielders' hands. Bowlers should use their brains more.

Mr. F. A. Mitchell-Hodges (Lancashire): We do not want a smaller ball. What we want is the restoration of natural wickets.

K. J. Stark, who was chosen by both England and Scotland for their Rugby international trial matches, has accepted the English invitation.

When W. Steytler, the Natal runner, won the Transvaal Marathon at the first attempt South African critics hailed him as a second McArthur, who it will be recalled, won the Olympic Marathon for South Africa in 1912 at Stockholm. It has since been found out, however, that the courage Steytler ran was two miles short of the recognised Marathon distance, 26 miles 385 yards.

Of South Africa's international cricketers, R. H. Catterall, who did so well in England, is undoubtedly showing the best form this season. In his four innings in Natal cricket he has scored 805 runs and his average is 101.68. The most serious problem in African cricket is the dearth of bowlers. Unless by 1928 fresh talent is unearthed England should win the next Test in South Africa without much difficulty.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 3, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	204	204	204
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/4	78 1/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	110 1/2 n	1100 n	1080 b
do. London	£16 n	—	117 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	£21 n	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£33 n.	£32 n.	—
do. C.	£13 1/2 n.	£13 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9 1/4 b	£10 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	70 n	76 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	65 1/2 b	650 b	650 b
China Underwriters	1 1/4 s	1 s	\$1
North China Insurance	114 1/2 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	284 b	284 b	284 n
Yangtze Insurance	\$40 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b & sa	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 b	30 b	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats.	23 1/2 s	24 s	24 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	110 n	24 n.	1 1/2 s
Indo-China (Pref.)	30 n	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	39 n	40 n.	40 n.
Shell Transports	93 1/2 n	96 1/2 b	96 1/2 b
Star Ferries	54 1/2 x d b	55 b	55 b
Water-boats	13 1/2 bxd	14 x d b	14 x d b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	—	—
Malabon Sugars	34 s	35 1/2 b 21 1/2 s	20 1/2 b
Mining.			
Benguet	1.30 n	35 s	36 n.
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	—	—
Langkats (Combined)	£25 n	42 1/2 n.	40 1/2 n
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n.	25 n
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	18 n	8 n.	—
Raub	39 1/2 s	3.40 b	3 1/2 n.
Trench Mines	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	110 b 11 1/2 sa	110 b.	109 b
H.K. & W. Docks	40 s	38 1/2 40 s	40 s
Hongkew	115 1/2 n	—	165 n
New Engineerings	15 n	15 s	6 n
Shanghai Docks	110 1/2 b	115 s.	105 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 1/2 b	7 1/2 sa	7 1/2 b
Hongkong Lands	57 1/2 b 57 1/2	57 1/2 b 57 1/2	57 1/2 b 57 1/2 sa
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 s 1 1/2	6 s
H.K. Territorial	2 1/2 s	1 s	1 1/2 s
Humphreys Estates	13 1/2 b	13 1/2 b 13 1/2 s	13 1/2 b
Prince's Building	8 1/2 n	8 1/2	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	70 s	8 s	8 s
Oriental	72 1/2 n	7 1/2 s	2 1/2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	75 1/2 n	54 n.	54 n.
do. (new)	77 n	28 n	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Carton Ices	5 n.	4 s	5 n.
Cements (comb.)	0 n.	7.90 n.	7 1/4 s
do. (old)	2 1/2 n	7 1/2 n.	6 s
do. (new)	1 1/4 b	1 n	1 1/2 b
China Buses	9 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 b	14 b	14 n.
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 n.
do. (new)	7 1/2 b	7 1/2 b	8 n.
China Prov.	4 1/2 b	4 b	4 n.
Dairy Farms	18 1/4 b	16 1/4 b	16 1/4 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	17 0 b	17 n	16 n
H.K. Constructions	2 b	2.40 b	2 1/4 s
Hongkong Electric	59 n	59 b	58 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	10 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	5 s	5 s	5 n.
Hongkong Tramways	21 80 b 22 sa	21 85 b 21 85 sa	21.90 b
Lane, Crawford	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9.60 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b.	15 b	15 b.
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 b	7 1/2 s
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	9.10 b	9 n.
Singapore Trams	13 s	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 s
Taxis	1 s	70 c	70 Cts s
United Asbestos	—	600 n	—
do. (Founders)	—	18 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n.	12 1/2 b	12 n
Watsons	12 b	5 b	5 n
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"The Proper Place" (by O. Douglas (Hodder and Stoughton)). A fascinating story of a war-time profiteer who buys the estate of an aristocratic family impoverished by the war. Complications begin when the two families become united by marriage, and ultimate friendships are made between the two families by virtue of the fact that the wife of the war-time profiteer and the niece of the deposed aristocrat find much in common. An interesting study of post-war conditions but not brilliant from the reviewer's point of view.

"The Woman Tempted" by Vera, Countess of Cathcart. (John Long, Publisher). Hot stuff! A series of adventures and experiments in love with a Rhodesian background. Louise Harding, the beautiful, rich young widow whose amorous experiences are ably described, refuses to shoulder the responsibilities of a second marriage. However, she receives the reward of her own folly at the last, when the men she loves turn her down. There is much of interest of life in Rhodesia, where there is no "To-day of Past Regrets and Future Fears." This novel has been filmed with great success.

"John's Penelope" by Baroness Albert D'Anethan (published by Stanley Paul & Co.). An absorbingly human story set in Japan. It could only have been written by one who has lived in intimate relation with the Japanese for many years. The description of the earthquake is masterly. The Canadian Pacific Liners "Empress of Canada" and "Empress of Australia" are mentioned in connection with the heroic assistance of the officers and staff of these ships during the earthquake. There is plenty of action and interest is maintained right through the story. Other works by this gifted author, published by Stanley Paul & Co., include "It Happened in Japan" and "The Twin Soul of O'Take San." In constant contact, as we are, with the Japanese people in this Colony, this story should prove of more than ordinary interest to Hong Kong people.

The Studdingly Stables Mystery, by Ben Strong (Hodder and Stoughton, Publishers).

This story centres around Newmarket. Racing and the gee gees are the main interest. There's a love affair, some blackmail, a murder, and a sensational arrest. This is the second book by Ben Strong, and will be well received by all interested in horses. The style of the story is very similar to that of Nat Gould. I recommend the book highly.

LADY BLANCHE BALFOUR.

This little volume contains not only a study of the life and character of this saintly woman, whose example and teaching were no doubt the greatest influence on her children's future attainment of distinction in public life, but it has also a brief biography of the author, the very Rev. James Robertson, D. D. For fifty years Dr. Robertson ministered in the little parish of Whittingehame, in close and intimate association with the Balfour family. The words of Chaucer, "To lead mankind to heaven by gentleness and good example, was his business," are quoted as aptly describing the character of Dr. Robertson.

After reading this little record of their lives, one feels one has met and known two rare and divinely immortal souls, who, themselves were a living testimony of God's supreme blessing.

"Lady Blanche Balfour by James Robertson D.D. London: Hodder & Stoughton 6/4."

THE GYPSY.

"Where do I live when I'm at home?" The gypsy laughed to me. "My heartstone's laid in the good red loam / And the sky was raised for my own rooftop." As he carries his house on a shiny track / I carry the sky, like a snail, on my back. Till it dabbles its eaves in the sea.

"And when dark drops down and the roof grows thin / I haven't a place to be lonesome in. For I look through the moon like a clean-washed pane / And a candle set / In the house of a friend where I'll come again."

"Where I wake, sun-up, with a fern-leaf curled / In my crumpled palm, as a child could come,

JOSEPH CONRAD'S LETTERS.

The "Intimate Letters of Joseph Conrad," the serial publication of which begins in the current number of "The World Today" (1s. 6d.), illustrate the romance of the Polish sailor who became a master of English letters.

Conrad, who died at Bishopsbourne, near Canterbury, on August 4, 1924, explains in one of these letters that he went to sea at the age of 17 and was 19 before he learned English.

"In writing," he declared, "I wrestle painfully with that language which I feel I do not possess, but which possesses me—alas!" Yet his skill in word-painting made his writings of absorbing interest.

SIR BARRIE'S RESENTMENT.

Side lights on authors' minds are contained in autographed letters and manuscripts sold at



The charm of the Canadian Rockies has cast a spell over the thousands who have drunk in the beauty of its lofty peaks and deep-set valleys. The majesty of such scenes that abound around Banff and Lake Louise has inspired many to set down their feelings in words. Mary Belle Rich of Spokane, Wash., is one of the latest contributors to this literature of the Canadian Rockies. In "Thoughts from the Sunny South" she has written:

Though I tarry by this bonnie southern Bay / And my thoughts are bright and cheery, still they wander up your way / Till they reach your Royal Rockies with their wealth of pearly peaks, / Lakes of Japan, jade and sapphires, silver brooks and crystal cranks; / Forest lure, that lures defiant, on a slope that clips a cloud / Lone, upon a boulder towering, pilot pine, so straight, so proud! / And the scene is all so vivid that I sniff the crisp air / As it blows from glen and glacier till I fairly feel 't is there! / Then I scan your prairie splendor, rich with fields of golden grain, / And of course "Stop, look and listen" for a famous C. P. Train! / Watch a sky of blue that's blending, as the sun is sinking low, / To a pink or purple luster, shot by flame and orchid glow; / And it makes me oh, so happy! These delightful thoughts of you, / And it makes me doubly happy, for I know 't is all so true! / You're a wonderful Alberta, you're a blessing to the west, / And to Canada a credit; you're a "maple" burst of BEST!

That's where I live when I'm at home— / Right in the world. / —Beatrice Ravenel, in "The Arrow of Lightning."

READING ALOUD.

When there is so much to read, there is little time for conversation; nor is there leisure for another pastime of the ancient firesides, called reading aloud. The listeners, who heard while they looked into the wide chimney-place, saw there pass in stately procession, the events and the grand persons of history, were kindled with the delights of travel, touched by the romance of true love, or made restless by tales of adventure—the hearth became a sort of magic stone that could transport those who sat by it to the most distant places and times, as soon as the book was opened and the reader began, of a winter's night.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER.

Messrs. Hodgson and Co.'s auction rooms in Chancery Lane, W.C., on December 16.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, writing from Bermuda, March 21, 1894, declines an offer for a book in advance:—

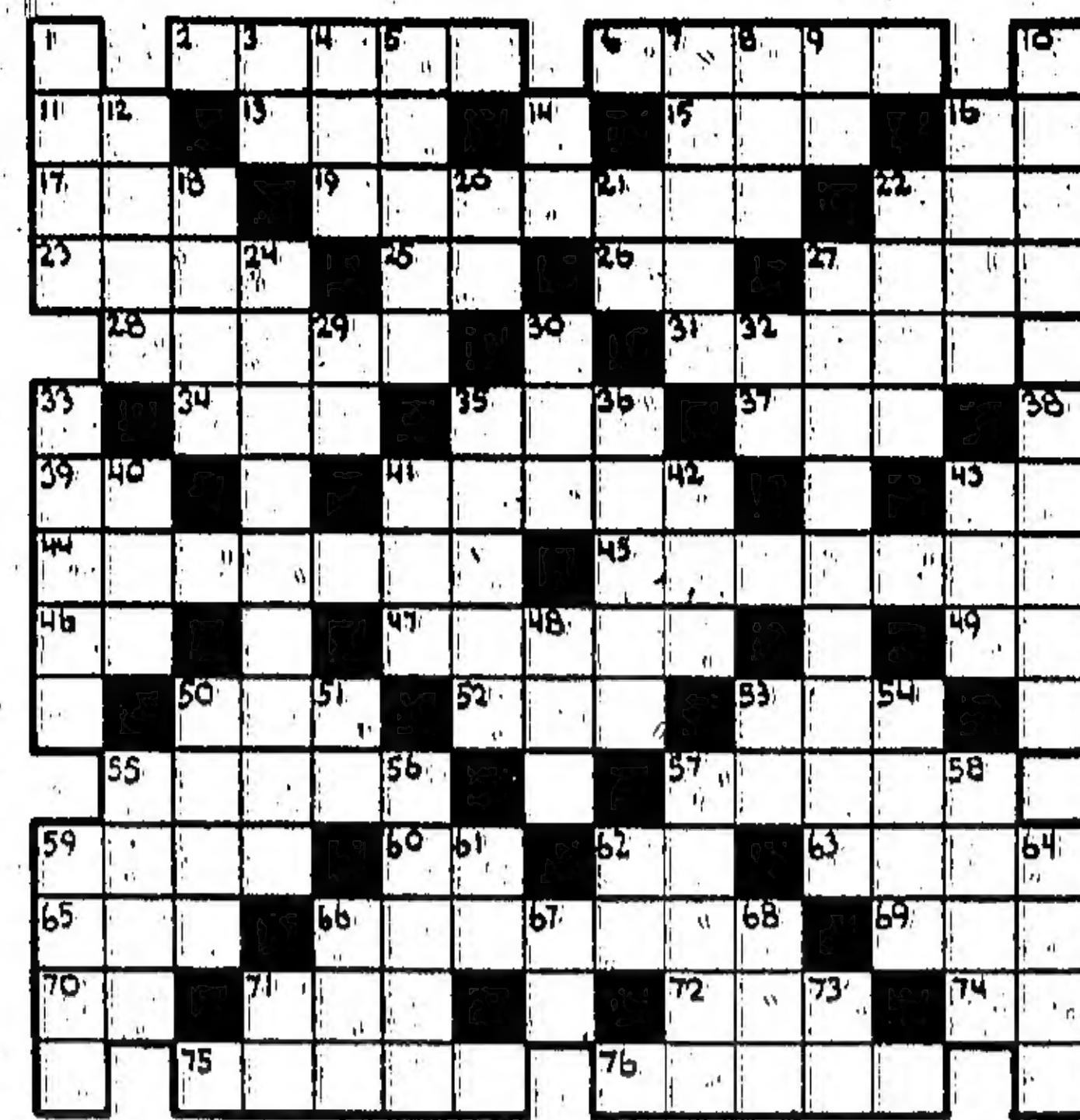
Because I have a notion it would have me pad or shirk or do something of that kind, and a 20,000-worrier would take me a couple of years because it would begin at about 70,000.

In an autograph letter written by Sir J. M. Barrie between 1891-1894, occurs the sentence, "I resent being told what I am to write about."

There was not a public library in any of our great cities which was really up to date, and most were hopelessly out of date. Mr. L. Stanley Just, chief librarian of the Manchester Libraries, declared in a lecture at University College.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 2—Small disk
- 4—Robust
- 11—College degree (abbr.)
- 13—A number
- 15—Kneek
- 16—Behold
- 17—Said
- 19—January first
- 22—Male beings
- 23—Fall
- 25—Prefix meaning "again"
- 26—Part of verb "to be"
- 27—Highway
- 28—Explode
- 31—Implore
- 34—Also
- 35—Sorrowful
- 37—Suitable
- 38—That man
- 41—Internal
- 43—Prefix meaning "double"
- 44—Set free
- 46—Something to turn over on New Year's Day (two words)
- 48—Unit of weight (abbr.)
- 49—Froth
- 48—Exist
- 50—Untruth
- 52—Cereal

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 53—Over (post.)
- 55—Surfeit
- 57—Make void
- 58—Facial feature
- 60—Note of music
- 62—One
- 63—Bonds
- 65—One length of a course
- 66—Determine
- 68—Without discount
- 70—Pronoun
- 71—Nothing
- 72—Worth
- 74—S. Can. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 75—Barely
- 76—Affable

VERTICAL

- 1—Staff of authority
- 3—When
- 4—Part of a fish
- 5—Put forth
- 7—Homelike wanderer
- 8—Far propelling boat
- 9—Towards the top
- 10—A hand
- 12—Sharp point
- 14—Possessive pronoun
- 16—Frode
- 18—Contest
- 20—Pronoun
- 21—Each (abbr.)
- 22—Ditch

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 24—Advancement in rank
- 27—Repulsive
- 29—On condition that
- 30—Prohibit
- 32—Exclamation
- 33—Laminated rock
- 35—Scoop
- 36—Thick
- 38—Musical instrument (pl.)
- 40—Flow cut
- 41—A climbing vine
- 42—To soak
- 43—Small soft lump
- 45—Yes
- 46—Flick
- 51—Preposition
- 53—Forward
- 54—Overthrow
- 55—Informal speech
- 56—Odor
- 57—Iron block
- 58—Plant of onion family
- 59—Cut
- 61—Part of verb "to be"
- 62—Boy's name (short)
- 64—Mythological river
- 65—Free
- 67—Preposition
- 68—Period of time
- 71—Sodium (chem. sym.)
- 73—Prefix in

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

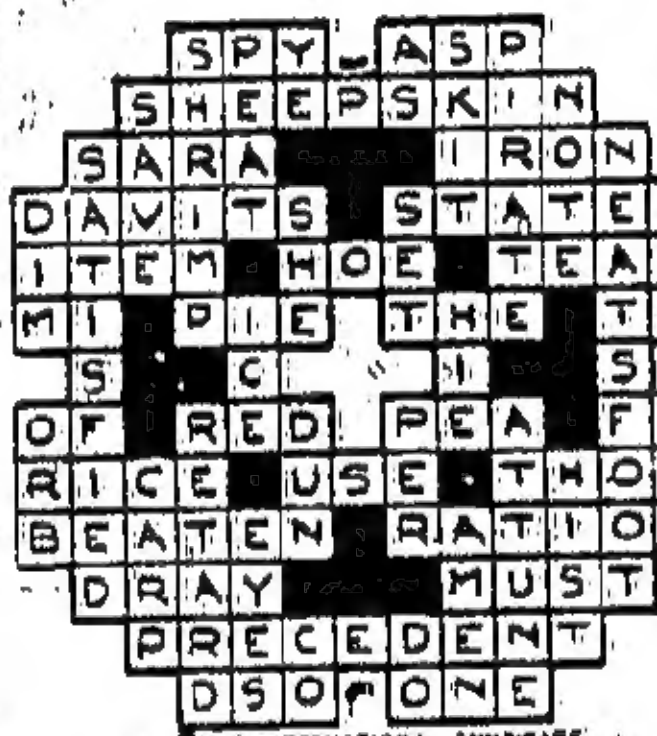
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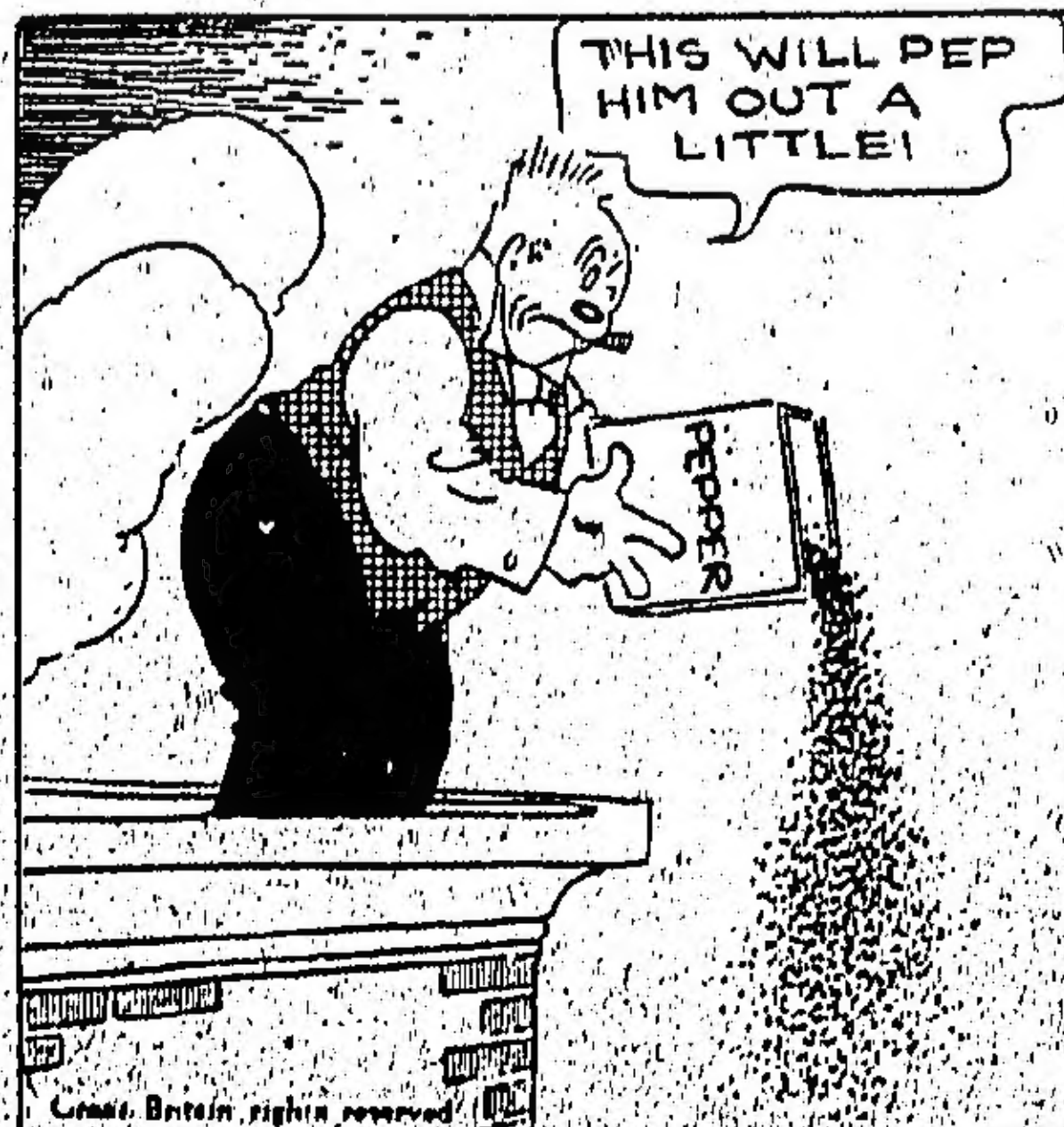
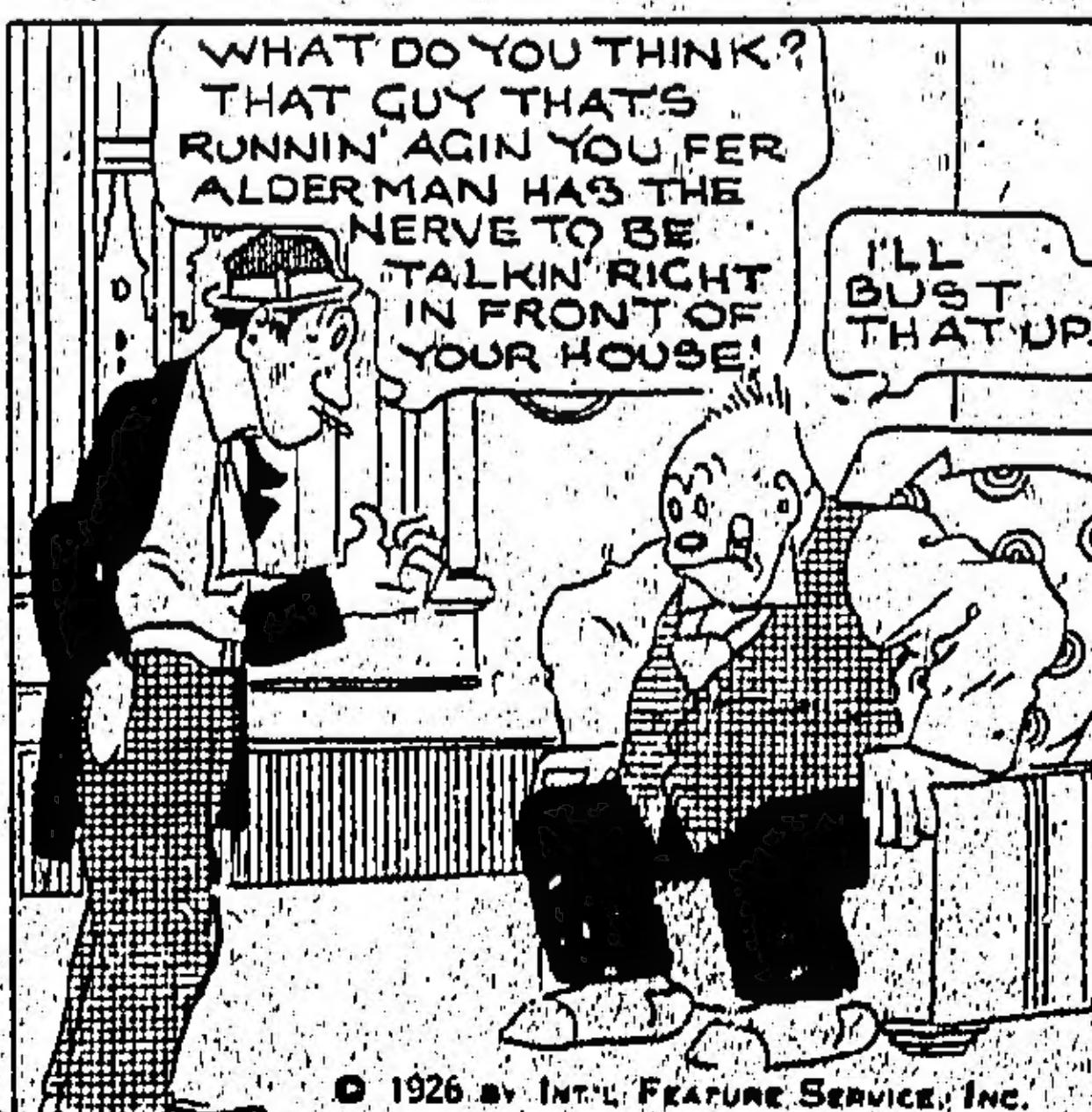
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